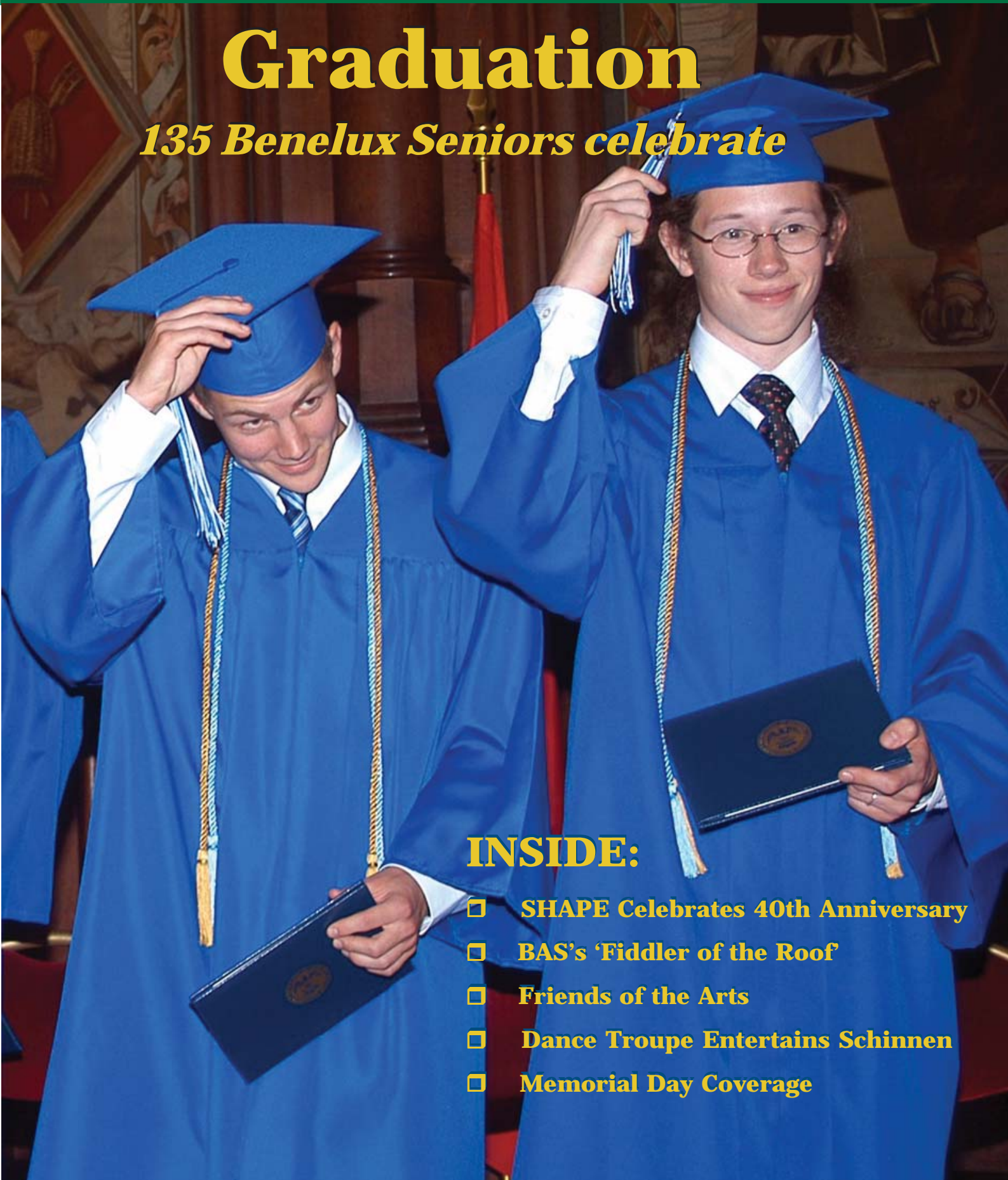


Graduation

135 Benelux Seniors celebrate



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Nowowiejski Notes

This will be my last installment of Nowowiejski Notes to the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux community as my three-year tenure as your commander comes to a close.

During those three years, together, we improved quality of life in the Benelux, helped to make the Benelux better understood elsewhere in Europe, and created unique opportunities...opportunities of which our entire Benelux team - Lt. Col. Eric Tilley and USAG Schinnen, Lt. Col. Pat Kilroy and USAG Brussels, and Lt. Col. John Romero and the Chièvres Garrison united under a goal-driven strategic plan to build a lasting foundation for the garrison's collective success in serving U.S. personnel under our responsibility.

Our joint goals:

- ❑ To develop and retain visionary leaders and an innovative, empowered professional workforce focused on building communities of choice.
- ❑ To strengthen resource stewardship and employ innovative means to provide premier facilities and quality services.
- ❑ Be a properly resourced, streamlined, agile organization that is customer-focused and results-driven in support of current and future missions.
- ❑ To build and sustain a quality infrastructure to support readiness and mission execution and enhance well-being of the military community.
- ❑ To cultivate expanded durable relationships with U.S., NATO and host nation communities.

A sampling of some Benelux team successes:

- ❑ Implemented an ongoing Lean and Six Sigma program aimed at streamlining fiscal resources and improving garrison processes.
- ❑ Celebrated 40 years of partnership between NATO and the Benelux at the City Hall in Ath, Belgium. Community outreach with Benelux-wide color guard missions for host nation memorials and ceremonies honoring Allied Forces who fought in World War II.
- ❑ Partnered with the Belgium Ministry of Defense to keep Benelux Soldiers' Warrior Skills honed at Camp Roi Albert training facility.
- ❑ Executive Steering Committee leadership inspired several IMCOM Stalwart Award nominees, and the European winner for 2006, while refining focus on stewardship.
- ❑ Renovated existing buildings and community-based infrastructure into new facilities like the Benelux Family Life and Regional Retreat Center, Brussels Arts and Culture Center, and Schinnen Recreation Plaza.
- ❑ Managed new construction or renovation projects such as the Single Service members Quarters (SSQ), 39th Signal Battalion's computer build-out and system integrations and other community-based projects, new gymnasium and Performing Arts Centers at Brussels American School, Brussels AAFES expansion, and new roadways and sidewalks at Schinnen's Emma Mine Complex.
- ❑ Championed the Standard Garrison Organization structure and the Common Levels of Support needs for the entire Benelux Family.
- ❑ Expanded media coverage of your achievements across the Benelux in local, national and international media.
- ❑ Supported the Tri-mission, Tri-border and Tri-community needs of NATO Headquarters, SHAPE and JFC Brunssum within our seven-nation footprint for US personnel deployed from our communities.

An entire list of the accomplishments of this team in service to you are too numerous



Col. Dean A. Nowowiejski
USAG Benelux Commander

to mention, though everyone can take pride in how our strategic goals have been achieved.

A commander wants to leave a community in better shape than when he arrived. Through the vision and efforts of our directors, Benelux garrison staff, subordinate garrisons and the Soldiers assigned to them, our diversely unique workforce and the key partners across our footprint, I say thank you. We have accomplished that mission.

Col. James P. Drago takes command of USAG Benelux on July 12 at Chièvres Garrison. He is joined by his spouse, Laure, and their family. I ask you to welcome and support them as you did Jan and I in 2004.

Col. Drago comes to the Benelux after serving as the deputy C3, Operations Directorate with the U.S. Army Central/Coalition Forces Land Component Command in Kuwait, and he has commanded in combat as a field artillery battery commander in the 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery while deployed to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

He is a 1983 graduate of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and is no stranger to serving in an international setting or in commanding a garrison.

His tenure commanding the 409th Base Support Battalion in Vilseck, Germany, a short while ago means that in Jim and Laure, you will have a new Benelux command team that knows the Installation Management Command well and are well prepared to lead the Benelux team.

Please continue to "Sharpen the Sword" of high quality of life across the Benelux as you support them.



Col. James P. Drago
Incoming USAG Benelux Commander

Paul Moseman (I) and Dziugas Matulevicius shift their mortarboards' tassels during Brussels American School graduation ceremonies June 8, at Brussels Town Hall. A total of 135 Department of Defense Dependent School seniors in the Benelux attended commencement activities - 15 at Brussels American School and 60 seniors each from AFNORTH International School and SHAPE American School.

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PHOTO:Thad Moyseowicz

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You've Been ICEed!

Here's a sampling of comments from the USAG Benelux Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system:

Chièvres Post Exchange

Several customer comments have been submitted under ICE. AAFES has supplied the following responses for our readers and their customers to increase awareness and understanding.

"The Customer Service I received the other day was horrible," and "When I ask for a price, the clerks seem very frustrated."

AAFES Response:

I apologize for the poor service you received. Rest assured we do not condone disinterested or discourteous behavior by any associate. If you experience substandard service again, please notify the managers on duty immediately. You can greatly assist them by identifying the associate by name—they'll take it from there.

"The PX is constantly out of staple items: Why can't AAFES meet military families needs? Why can't AAFES offer a wider selection of merchandise?"

AAFES Response:

Satisfying all our customers in regard to merchandise selection has always been a challenge. With the diverse American Force here which is made up of more senior representation than other AAFES locations, the challenge becomes even greater. We continually review our stock assortments, delete items that aren't selling and add new items. We analyze each item's sales performance to ensure we maximize our offerings to our customers. It is best to notify the managers with your concerns to see if they can purchase the items you desire.

Why do prices vary between PX's in theater? Heidelberg Germany's main PX has the same items for less.

AAFES Response:

AAFES pricing is centrally established by buyers and every effort is made to ensure worldwide uniform pricing for same products purchased from the same source. Price differences can occur with items purchased locally overseas.

AAFES does not increase the prices on products sold at overseas sites or remote tactical field exchanges to cover the higher costs of operations at these locations. Additionally, prices for some convenience and frequently purchased items may be lowered at different locations based on price surveys of the local competition. To ensure prices on these same items overseas are in line with the prices service members are used to at home, overseas prices are set at the average surveyed price in CONUS.

Additional comments and AAFES responses will be published in the next edition of the *Benelux EDGE*.

Keep those great comments, kudos, concerns, and questions coming by going to <http://ice.disa.mil> or <http://www.usagbenelux.eur.army.mil> and clicking the ICE link to tell us what you think!

Grads across the Benelux



Senior Andrew Moyseowicz receives his diploma from Brussels American School Principal, Dr. Debby Berry as Assistant Principal Cheryl Aeillo looks on.

Class of 2007 Uniquely Benelux *American high schools graduate students from 14 NATO countries*

Benelux Public Affairs Office

With diplomas in hand and tassels shifted high school graduates across the Benelux set their sights on their future.

SHAPE American High School graduated 60 students June 14 at a ceremony held in Ste. Waudraux Collegiale, in downtown Mons.

Brussels American School (BAS) graduated 15 seniors (two seniors had graduated early) June 8th at the traditional venue for BAS graduation ceremonies, the historic Brussels Town Hall located in the city's heart, the Grand Place.



Tara Calloway
Valedictorian

AFNORTH International School in Brunssum, Netherlands, graduated 60 students June 15.

The two American schools in Belgium and AFNORTH International School in Brunssum, Netherlands supporting American Families serving NATO Headquarters, Joint Forces Command-Brunssum and Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers, Europe, the three Department of Defense Dependent Schools have the most diverse student body in Europe.

The students in the class of 2007 came from 16 different NATO nations. That diversity was the subject of Class Valedictorian Tara Calloway's address to her fellow graduates.

"Each of us will depart this building, many from this country (Belgium) and continue along a different path in diverse and varied parts of the world," she said. "As we press forward into our exciting and somewhat terrifying futures -- as lawyers, teachers, businessmen, Soldiers and statesmen -- we should do so with confidence.

"Our past opportunities and experiences will provide us with countless future opportunities," she added. "The opportunities we will have...the people we will meet...the ways we will choose to go... will be different and it is our job to take what and who we will meet up with along the way and learn and grow from these new encounters."

Tara, the daughter of Lt. Col. Joseph and Laurie Calloway, will attend The College of William and Mary, in Williamsburg, Va.

Ryan Covington, class salutatorian and the son of Steve and Jane Covington, will attend the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, in Washington D.C., to study International Politics.

In Brussels, the traditional valedictorian and salutatorian addresses were delivered, respectively, by graduating seniors Buse Guven and Andrew Moyseowicz. Guven, a native of Turkey, spoke on the theme, "Looking Back," reflecting in large part her status as the longest-resident senior - starting at Brussels American School as a fifth-grader and for whom English was not her native language.



Ryan Covington
Salutatorian

Information on the valedictorian and salutatorian was not available at press time.

U.S. Army Gen. William E. "Kip" Ward, deputy commander, U.S. European Command, delivered the commencement address at SHAPE graduating class which centered on three themes:

"Visualize your world and the role you want to fill,"

"You have to believe it to achieve it," and

"The will must be stronger than the skill."

U.S. Marine Colonel Larry Nicholson, spoke to the Brussels graduating class on the significance of their time at BAS and public service of any kind.

Nicholson, himself the father of a 2004 Brussels American School graduate and a former Brussels resident, recently returned to the U.S. from a 14-month assignment in Iraq as commanding officer of the 5th Marine Regimental Combat Team.

AFNORTH International School

Alexander B. Allara	Roxanne Jarvela	Sarah J. Roberts
Andre Berube	Jessica M. Jikinosky	Colin Robinson
Elisabeth J. Black	Felicia T. Jones	Sarah D. Royer
Nicole E. Blackston	Nadine O. Kremblas	Cunthia M. Rueger
Andrew K. Caputa	Brent M. Kummer	Brandon J. Rusch
Ryan Carell	Philip H. Lee	Christopher M. Sawyer
Michael J. Chase	Dwain G. McCall	Kristin N. Siikavaara
Ashley L. Cook	Megan E. McQuillan	Daniel Simpson
Cassandra Downton	Richard D. Melton	Brittany A. Stadler
Christopher J. Eden	Joshua R. Meredith	Chelsea R. Steinbacher
Erica Everingham	Miguel Mightygoodridge	Chrystal N. Steltenpohl
Marie R. Francisco	Jazmine M. Miller	Jonathon T. Tucker
Thea H. Froysaker	Sascha K. Miller	Scott A. Warren
Cayce W. Gibson	Victor Nieto	Wesley A. Watson
Endre M. Gjorv	Devora N. Ortega	Kayla L. Webb
Alicia K. Gutscher	Samantha A. Otto	Michael J. West
Barbara J. Hinson	Antonio F. Padron	Alexis D. Wheeler
Andrus Hoppe	Anthony A. Poole Jr.	Nicole D. White
Jacqueline Huard	Michelle H. Pyles	Brandon D. Wilson
Kathryn J. Hurston	Lauren P. Ray	Anastasiya V. Yermolayeva

ready for future

Brussels American High School Class of 2007

Madison Battersby	Bryan Zachary Harris	Paul Moseman
Nathan Arlo Buckley	Michael Joseph Hebing	Andrew Moyseowicz
Relisha Shonté Burns	Anton Klimov	Maksym Osnach
Call McCrae Deverill	John P. Kilroy	Elina Pashkovskaya
Andrew James Gagnon	Nathan Malinski	Ryan Proietto
Buse Guven		Dziugas Matulevicius

SHAPE American High School Class of 2007

Lashaika J. Alloway	George Konidaris	Jorge Quesada Gonzalez
Peder-Christian Blokdal Pederson	Michal Kopriwa	Dimitra V. Rapti
Tara K. Calloway	Erica K. Lanham	Zachary C. Ray
Andrea Carlettini	Nikolaos Letsios	Mihaly Recsei
Claudio Citta	Lubomir Lisy	Melanie N. Regis
Ryan R. Covington	Vladimir Lisy	Kael I. Richardson
Sonia Della Sala	Zoe Makris	Jorge M. Rodriguez-Munoz
Jennifer N. Fish	Iain S. McNaughton	Krzysztof Rychlik
Enrique Garcia Lorente	Katherine E. Mirr	Marta Sanchez Ortigosa
Sonia Garcia Lorente	Christian J. Montgomery	Jessica M. Saucedo
Raquel V. Garrido-Lecca	Bob R. Moon	Ty C. Summers
Claudio Giraldi	Ashley L. Nelson	Steven P. Taylor
Mark A. Gomez	Christopher Olivares	Erki Toomsalu
Alison S. Grant	Marta Paczkowska	Jada E. Urch
Gregory M. Grimsley	Rafael Padilla	Alexandra Vacaru
Sascha R. Henrichs	Bogdan R. Pasca	Virginia Villanueva
Marta Jimenez	Filip Pokorny	Gavin E. Wainwright Jr.
Samantha M. Johnson	Ashley D. Poole	Matthew Weber
Kacie M. Kappenman	Ondrej Praus	Kristen M. Whitney
Robert A. Kearney IV	Patricia A. Puttmann	Brittany N. Woolverton

SHAPE Seniors receive scholarships

SHAPE American High School seniors received more than \$36,000 in scholarships from the SHAPE Scholarship Committee on June 11 in the SHAPE Cinema.

The Community Service Award and \$500 went to Kacie Kappenman. She also received the committees' highest award of \$4,000.

Trish Puttmann received the Leadership Award and \$500. She also received the second highest award from the committee -- \$3,500.

Awards from \$250 to \$500 went to: Virginia Villanueva, Bob Moon, Jessica Saucedo, Mark Gomez, Marta Jimenez Ortega, Jada Urch and Kael Richardson.

Awards from \$750 to \$999 went to: Iain McNaughton, Jorge Miguel Munoz, Claudio

Citta and Brittany Woolverton.

Awards of \$1,000 to \$1,999 went to: Kristen Whitney, Sonia Garcia, Christian Montgomery, Matthew Weber, Ashley Nelson, Jorge Quesada Gonzalez, Marta Sanchez Ortigosa and Enrique Lorente Garcia.

Awards from \$2,000 to \$3,200 went to: Katherine Mirr, Tara Calloway, Rafael Padilla and Ryan Covington.

According to the scholarship committee web page, scholarships were awarded based on each students' accomplishments and contributions in the areas of academic achievement, community service or volunteer work, student activities or athletics and their performance on an essay set by the committee.

SHAPE senior signs to play hoops

By Steven Hoover
Benelux Public Affairs Office

Recent SHAPE graduate Kael Richardson recently signed a letter of intent to play basketball at Volunteer State Community College.

Kael, the son of Steve and Shirley Richardson, helped lead SHAPE American High School's boys squad to a 19-1 record against Department of Defense Dependent Schools and a 25-3 overall record during this past school year.

During the DODDS tournament in February, where SHAPE suffered its only loss of the year in the finals, Kael was named All Conference Division II, All Tournament Division II and Academic All Conference. He also received the SHAPE team "Spark Plug" award.



Kael Richardson

During the April school break, Kael and Steve went back to the States to look at several schools when the opportunity at Volunteer State presented itself.

"I was so excited," he added. "This is something I've been working for since my seventh grade year. I've never been as happy as I was that day."

Melvin said via email, "Kael could play some in his freshman year."

SHAPE HS names co-winners for Athlete of the Year

By Steven Hoover
Benelux Public Affairs Office

Robert Kearney IV and Claudio Citta were named co-winners of the SHAPE American High School Athlete of the Year Award.

Kearney, known for basketball and track and field, also played football for one season. He is the son of Army Staff Sgt. Mary D. and Robert Kearney III.



Robert Kearney IV

During the 2006-07 school year, he helped lead the varsity basketball team to a 25-3 overall record (19-1 against other Department of Defense Dependent Schools) garnering All-tournament, 1st Team All-Conference and 1st Team All-Europe and Academic All-Conference nods.

He earned a gold medal in the triple jump and a silver in the high jump at the DoDDS European Track and Field Championships in May. His triple jump of 44-feet, one-inch set a new school record. He was also named Most Valuable of the Male Field Events and 1st Team All-Europe.

He plans to enroll at Hampton University, in southeastern Virginia and pursue an athletic scholarship in track and field as a walk-on and to major in computer engineering.

Citta earned his award based on his participation in two types of football -- American and European. He played three years on the SAHS soccer team and then was a kicker on the football team during his senior year. He also played one year of tennis.

"The best part of playing sports is being part of a team," he said. "Before, when I played soccer, it was usually with my friends not part of any organization. I really enjoyed being a part of a team." He is the son of Italian Air Force



Claudio Citta

Lt. Col. Paola and Rita Citta, and plans on staying in the area and attend classes at the University of Maryland University College, try to find a job and help coach the SAHS soccer team.

"I would like to continue with my studies using English or in an international environment, much like living here," he said. "I have been given a tremendous opportunity (going to school at SHAPE) and would like to continue along those lines."

TRADOC leadership visits command, provides insight to Army's future

By Steven Hoover

Benelux Public Affairs Office

"Supporting an Army at War" and "Our Bench for Tomorrow Starts Here" were two of the primary themes during a May 31 visit from the leadership of the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command to the SHAPE/Chièvres area.

Gen. William S. Wallace, TRADOC commanding general and his top noncommissioned officer, Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Sparks, spent the day briefing and speaking with Soldiers and civilians assigned within the Benelux footprint.

TRADOC, headquartered at Fort Monroe, Va., is responsible for recruiting, training and educating the Army's Soldiers; developing its leaders; supporting training in units; developing doctrine; establishing standards; and building the future Army. TRADOC is comprised of more than 50,000 Soldiers and civilians operating in 33 Army schools across 16 installations.

Wallace, who spoke with those gathered at the Prime Time Bar and Grill, said "We at TRADOC believe that victory starts at TRADOC. It is not that we fight the fight, but it starts at our centers and schools and classrooms and ranges across Training and Doctrine Command. This is where the foundation of our great Army comes. It is the location where every Soldier, regardless of rank is assigned at some time or another in their career, whether their training has just begun or their education is advanced.

"TRADOC is the architect of the Army and is thinking of what the future of our Army should be like," he added. "We think for the Army."

Other key points Wallace discussed were:

Recruiting and Market Research -- He said that despite the fact only 27 percent of young people in the United States, ages 17-24, actually qualify to be in the Army, they have met all recruiting goals during the past two years. (In June, the Army announced it fell short of its May recruiting goal of 5,500 by 399, but it was still on track to meet its goal of 80,000 for the year.)

Reserve Officer Training Corps -- The program is healthier than it has been in a decade.

Initial Entry Training -- Addressed training innovations with more focus on combat and weapons qualification training.

While Wallace spoke at Caserne Daumerie, Sparks was briefing Soldiers, primarily in the rank of staff sergeant and below, at SHAPE Cinema on similar topics.

He began by explaining how the tempo for new recruits has changed in Initial Entry Training.

"IET now focuses on preparing Soldiers for arrival at their first unit," he said. "Previously, the emphasis was on Soldierization and Military Occupational Specialties' technical skills. The focus of training today is on the skills and battle drills required to fight and survive in combat."

TRADOC is preparing Soldiers to be ready to contribute upon arrival to their unit, he added.

"The primary reason for the changes is that within six months of graduation, about half of the Soldiers will be going to units that are deployed or will soon deploy," he said.

The initiatives don't only affect new Soldiers. All levels of the Noncommissioned Officer Education

System (NCOES) are seeing changes as well.

"TRADOC training schedules have gone to a six day work week," Sparks said. After hearing some groans, he added "We are trying to make sure that NCOs get trained when they are supposed to and do not need to spend as much time away from their Families between deployments. By finishing training sooner, they have more time to recharge their batteries and get some quality family time."

He said that the NCOES transformation:

- ☐ Will embrace career-long learning;
- ☐ Is relevant to an Army at war;
- ☐ Supports a modular force;
- ☐ Creates a joint and expeditionary mindset;
- ☐ Develops NCOs who can successfully lead Soldiers into combat;
- ☐ Capitalizes on Soldier experience;
- ☐ Incorporates Warrior Tasks and Battle Drills;
- ☐ Leverages technology.

"The role of the NCO is changing," he said. "We need to assess our culture and how the NCO supports our future Army."

He then introduced them to AL21, or Army Leaders for the 21st Century. This initiative was developed after TRADOC surveyed and interviewed more than 2,600 Soldiers, reviewed previous studies and lessons learned reports, and received input from senior leaders.

Out of AL21 comes "The NCO Pentathlete," Sparks said.

"The NCO Pentathlete is effective in any environment and proficient in all aspects of being a Soldier," he said.

The vision developed for this type of NCO is that of "an innovative, competent professional enlisted leader grounded in heritage, values and tradition that embodies the Warrior Ethos; (who) champions continuous learning; and is capable of leading, training and motivating Soldiers. (The Pentathlete) is an adaptive leader who is proficient in joint and combined expeditionary warfare and continuous, simultaneous full spectrum operations and resilient to uncertain and ambiguous environments."

He also provided them with some insight into a new initiative called "Warrior University" and the "Army Career Tracker."

Basically, this program provides every Soldier with an accurate, individualized career roadmap, Sparks said.

"One of the best attributes to this system is that as Soldiers finish the various stages of training during their careers, they will be automatically rewarded with college credit along the way," he said.

He said that two MOSs will be linked to the program in the near future and that by 2009 all Army specialties will be linked. When the program is fully implemented, Soldiers will have 128 different colleges to choose from where to obtain a degree in their Army profession.

Before departing, Wallace said, "I want to thank each of you for what you do to support Soldiers and their Families. They deserve the best."



PHOTO: Marie-Lise Baneton

During his visit to the USAG Benelux headquarters May 31, Gen. William S. Wallace, U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command (TRADOC) commanding general, spoke with senior Army and Civilian leaders at a luncheon in the Prime Time Bar and Grill.



PHOTO: Steven Hoover

TRADOC Command Sgt. Maj. John D. Sparks provided Soldiers with an information briefing at the SHAPE Cinema May 31. The briefing addressed various initiatives of interest to current and future Soldiers. Later, he visited Caserne Daumerie and Chièvres Air Base.



PHOTOS: Steven Hoover

Among the activities available at the 40th Anniversary of SHAPE arriving in Belgium, the four-wheeler racers was one of the most popular, along with the bumper cars. An estimated 6,000 members of the SHAPE/Chièvres military community attended the half-day event.

Thousands celebrate at SHAPE 40th Anniversary

By **Steven Hoover**
Benelux Public Affairs Office

Approximately 6,000 members of the SHAPE/Chièvres military community were on hand June 4 to help celebrate the 40th Anniversary of SHAPE's arrival in Belgium.

According to Morale and Welfare Branch officials, those who attended consumed a combination of 10,000 hamburgers and bratwursts and drank about the same number of sodas and water.

These items, along with ice cream, frites and waffles, were served free of charge.

In addition, musical entertainment was provided by the SHAPE, Belgian, German and British military bands. A German military drill team performed and several rides for children were also available.

Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Army Gen. Brantz J. (John) Craddock opened the festivities.

"Today is a day to celebrate and enjoy each other's company," Craddock said. "Most importantly, this is a day for SHAPE to thank you for all you do; Family members as well as service members.

"Know that the work you do and the support and comfort your Family members provide are critical to our mission," he added. "When individuals work together with a common purpose... it truly makes a dif-

ference... and we are working together to preserve peace and to promote security and stability.

"We thank our host nation of Belgium for extending its hand to us in friendship and cooperation throughout these 40 years. The people of Belgium and Wallonia have treated us as far more than just neighbors and customers... they have reached out to us as friends. More importantly, when we needed them, they have helped us in every way they could."

SHAPE – the Supreme Headquarters for Allied Powers, Europe – was established as the military headquarters for Allied Command Europe in 1951 in Paris, near the North Atlantic Treaty Organization headquarters.

Prior to its 1967 move, NATO received offers from several nations to host the headquarters, SHAPE and all other NATO commands. It was decided that NATO would relocate to Brussels and that SHAPE would move to the Belgian military facility, Camp Casteau.

"SHAPE has helped NATO become the most successful military alliance in history," Craddock said. "We have seen sweeping changes... not only right here, but in the world beyond these fences. It is a home to dedicated Soldiers, civilians and their Families, who together help attain one goal - security and stability for the NATO nations."



The SHAPE Band, followed by Belgian, German and British military bands, performed in the SHAPE fest tent.



Several rides were popular among the younger children attending SHAPE's 40th Anniversary event.



Riding "The Extreme" was a hair-raising experience for some.



Cooks for the SHAPE Morale and Welfare Branch almost couldn't keep up with the demand as they went through about 10,000 hamburgers and bratwursts during the event.



Left: Marlena Schlattmann, left, portrays the matchmaker in Brussels American Schools adaptation of the Sholom Aleichem story "Fiddler on the Roof." Brook Lyn Di Maggio portrays Tevye's wife, Golde.

Above: (L to R) Anika Rumery, Megan Bentley, Frosina Kuzmanovska, Guste Matuleviciute, Claire Rumery play Tevye's daughters in Brussels American Schools adaptation of the Sholom Aleichem story "Fiddler on the Roof."

Brussels American School 'Fiddler on the Roof' teaches values

By Thad Moyseowicz
Brussels Public affairs Office

The Brussels American School started June off for the Brussels community with its adaptation of the well-known Broadway musical, "Fiddler on the Roof."

The musical is itself an adaptation of the Sholom Aleichem short story, "Tevye the Milkman," and chronicles the tug within Tevye between the very traditional village values he knows and the "modern" ideas of his three eldest daughters.

The cast included a combination of 20 middle and high school students, and five students served in the stage crew. Additionally, there were at least seven adult volunteers in the production. Rehearsals began in February.

Laura Schlattmann, one of the parent volunteers (and mother of two of the performers) expressed her pleasure with the result. "The kids were marvelous. Many of them had to juggle participation in the play with already heavy extra-curricular loads, such as sports or band."

Schlattmann goes on to praise the cooperation between cast, director and parents. "Everyone was so involved! The end result was a really first-rate community effort, and a first-rate show for the community!"



The Tailor (Hunter Baudoinjoux) dances at his own wedding feast. The Rabbi (Myles Rowser) looks on.



PHOTOS: Thierry Baudoinjoux

Mike Grenneck portrays Tevye, the milkman, in Brussels American School's production of "Fiddler on the Roof" earlier this month.



Golde (L; Brook Lyn Di Maggio) is being consoled by her daughter (Anika Rumery) during the Brussels American School performance of the "Fiddler on the Roof."

Friends of the Arts saves 30-year senior tradition at Brussels American School

By Thad Moyseowicz

Brussels Public Affairs Office

In spring of 2006, two parent volunteers were working backstage on the Brussels American School production of "Romeo and Juliet."

Money and supplies were short. A month later, these same two ladies were working on the school's annual talent show when the word came out that there would be no money to fund that traditional end-of-school event in 2007.

The transformation affecting U.S. Department of Defense entities in Europe has impacted everywhere, including DoD's Dependent Schools System,

Something had to be done at the local level in light of the demands of fiscal austerity within the DODDS system. These two moms approached the school administration and the BAS Parent-Teacher-Student Organization (PTSO) with an idea to create a new organization that would raise money and work behind the scenes to support all of the BAS performing and fine arts programs.

In May 2006, Friends of the Arts was added as a subsidiary group to the PTSO roster. There are currently 20 active members and membership is open to anyone - parents,



Hunter Baudoinjoux (as Rocky Balboa) flanked by Nick Bottesini (L) and Dave Hebing (R) in the "Showcase" presentation of "Eye of the Tiger."

teachers and students - interested in supporting the arts at the school.

FOTA members jumped right into the fundraising mode by running the Arts Café for the '06 Talent Show and by putting their artistic talents to work making corsages and boutonnieres for the Junior-Senior Prom.

Parents, teachers and students flipped burgers and popped popcorn while running the concession stand during the summer for the adult softball league, building a budget of about \$1,500 by September.



PHOTOS: Thierry Baudoinjoux

Brussels American School seniors (from left) Buse Guven, Andrew Gagnon, Reliesha Burns, Bryan Harris, Nate Buckley & Maddison Battersbygroove to "Staying Alive," the traditional senior dance finale at the "Showcase."

"Running the concession stand through the summer gave some students the opportunity to work as well" said Sarah Russell, co-chair of FOTA. "It is important for the students who benefit from the funds to help with earning the money."

The organization's leadership met with the music, drama, video production and art teachers at the beginning of the school year to determine how they could best help the programs.

The art department needed canvas and wooden frames for murals that would be placed in the library. The music department needed funding to pay for a hall for an off-site performance and assistance with providing bag lunches for a visiting university band. The drama department needed props, paint for sets, costumes and the rights to the script for its performance of "Fiddler on the Roof." The video production department needed microphones and special tripods that coordinated with the cameras already in use. The annual talent show needed everything since there were no longer funded at all.

Organization members met once a month to discuss upcoming events and to consider requests for money. Over \$5,000 was raised during the year through events like the Arts Cafés providing the dinners for three "dinner theaters," running two booths at the PTSO Brigands' Bash, making corsages and selling Brigands Throws. Every approved request was honored.

"With FOTA funds, the elementary art program had the supplies needed to produce beautiful murals for permanent display in the library," said Art Teacher Jo Ellen Carmone. "Without FOTA funds, this project would not have been possible."

Michael Golemo, director of bands for Iowa State University wrote to say, "Our students enjoyed the time they spent in Brussels ...but your thoughtfulness (with the bag lunches) tells us more about the kind of people in Brussels and the people associated with the school."

BAS Principal, Dr. Debby Berry, expressed her appreciation for organization and for the "wonderful family evenings" offered with the three dinner theaters and the Showcase. "Our funds have been cut and FOTA has given BAS a chance to offer more performances for our families."

FOTA helped parent Beth Bottesini organize the talent show, known this year as the "Showcase" with 17 acts ranging from pianists to dancers to singers to rock bands performed for a full house at the Kraainem Cultural Center on May 24th.

Anna Pylpchuk, an eighth-grader and an accomplished pianist, had never performed in public. "I was nervous, but I got over my fright, and I'm happy to have been given the opportunity," she said.

According to long-time math teacher, David Ferry, the talent show had been a highlight of the end of the school year for almost 30 years. Budget constraints had removed the talent show from the schedule until FOTA stepped in and recruited Bottesini to direct the show. The final act has historically been the "Senior Dance" - an act involving the current senior class. The class of 2007 strutted their stuff to the classic disco tune, "Staying Alive," choreographed by parent Anita Herway.

FOTA looks forward to another active school year in '07-'08 with Sarah Russell and friends already raising money again by running the concession stand again this summer.

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Chièvres Garrison Town Hall

Command answers community's concerns

Editor's Note: There are several ways members of the Chièvres Garrison can have their voice heard. One is by attending the community's Town Hall meetings. The following are answers to questions submitted for the May 24 Town Hall. The quarterly Chièvres Garrison Town Hall meetings are open to all U.S. community members in the SHAPE/Chièvres Air Base/Caserne Daumerie area. This type of forum provides the U.S. community the opportunity to speak and ask questions directly to key members of the Chièvres Garrison and SHAPE that provide quality of life services. To submit comments, questions or concerns before the next Town Hall meeting, email PAIO@benelux.army.mil.

Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation

Question: Why don't we have a vehicle shop on Chièvres where soldiers can have their vehicle worked on instead of relying on the economy, or ordering parts from the states?

Answer: There are two MWR Auto Skills Centers in the area, one is located at SHAPE and the other at USAG Brussels. Both are open to authorized patrons and have some parts available for purchase. It is difficult to stock a huge variety of parts since both shops are quite small and have limited space for re-sale items. But basic items are usually available, just ask the staff for assistance.

Directorate of Emergency Services/MWR

Question: I noticed there is something that resembles a skate park on Chièvres next to the IDT Training Building. What is the possibility of relocating it to a more central location? Perhaps over by the P-Xtra area so it can get more visibility and use. I'm not sure of the cost involved but with the summer months approaching and school vacation, it would likely get more use.

Answer: Chièvres Skate Park (currently located near Gate No. 14) is a temporary location until the new Army Lodge is complete. After the lodge is complete, work will begin on the new skate park located in the commercial area.

Directorate of Public Works

Question: The water in the barracks is tricky, to get cold water in the bathroom you have to turn the water on cold in the kitchen. Can this be fixed?

Answer: This is a recently discovered problem a contractor should complete the work in July.

Question: The faucets in the either in the kitchen or bathroom splash water when turned on so you have to turn the water on very slow. Can we fix this?

Answer: This is another problem which should be completed in July.

Question: When will construction for the barracks roof begin?

Answer: The construction of barracks roof has been started and is scheduled to be completed before July.

Comment: The barracks should have a list of numbers in the glass case downstairs that shows how to call to SHAPE, another country code, from cell phones and so forth, especially if you are a new soldier sometimes it's the last thing on their minds when arriving here from the states.

Directorate of Logistics

Question: For soldiers who do not have a vehicle, and relying on the bus for transportation the bus comes at 4:20 a.m. in the morning and arrives on SHAPE around 5:00 a.m., usually first formation does not start until 6:20 a.m.. Is there a way to change the schedule so Soldiers do not have to wake up at 4:20 a.m. but can still make it to first formation at a decent time?

Answer: The schedule has been adjusted to accommodate Soldiers' first formation schedule. Check new schedule for information.

DES/Public Affairs Office

Question: Is there a way to distribute a list of organizations that are considered a legitimate place of business off post for example vehicle repair, restaurants, and so forth?

Answer: All establishments off-post are considered legitimate until placed off-limits by the Armed Forces Disciplinary Control Board. DES (and PAO) are prohibited from recommending any one business over another.

Question: Can we get an information sign to let Daumerie Caserne personnel exiting Gate 19 know if Gate 14 and Gate 1 were open?

Answer: A sign was placed at the Exit of the Gate to provide that information. Additionally another sign was placed near the kennels in Chièvres to let people departing the commercial area know whether Gate 14 is open or closed.

Question: Why do we have a 30 KPH speed limit sign in front of the VPC at Chièvres?

Answer: A traffic survey was conducted and the 30 KPH sign is not justified. It has been removed and a Caution (Trucks exiting) sign will be placed.



PHOTO: Susan Huseman

Hanau's Vernon Miles rounds third on his way to scoring against Ansbach during the Installation Management Command-Europe Child and Youth Services Junior Baseball Championship tourney.

Schinnen takes IMCOM-E junior baseball tourney

By Susan Huseman

Hessen Public Affairs Office

HANAU, Germany – A team from U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen, the Netherlands, earned the Installation Management Command-Europe Child and Youth Services Junior Baseball Championship held here June 1-3.

"The main goal of our program is not about winning," said Kerwin Walker, director of Hanau CYS sports and fitness. "The focus isn't on scores – who won or who is the best," he said. "We look to have fun, learn the basic fundamentals of baseball, good sportsmanship, and respect for others and for the game."

While winning and losing are not the focus, they do provide powerful lessons, according to the teams' volunteer coaches.

"The kids learn that everyone in life is going to win sometimes and lose sometimes," said Hanau Pirates head coach Scott Morris, whose team finished third. "The difference is in how they accept both winning and losing. You don't ever give up; you keep trying to give your best with every single pitch."

The Hanau community team put this into practice in an early bracket game against the White Sox from U.S. Army Garrison Stuttgart, Germany. "We came back from a deficit and did not give up," Morris said. Hanau's 15-year-old Vernon Miles hit a fifth-inning grand slam to seal the victory.

"They say it's (winning) not important, but we want to win," Miles said with youthful candor. "But nobody wants to go home a loser, especially on your home field."

"The last couple of years in the finals we didn't win a game; this year we got third," Miles said. "Yes, it's all about having fun; but we wanted to win, to play our best."

According to Morris, the toughest team was USAG Schinnen, the Netherlands. "They had an amazing amount of good baseball players on their team," he said.

Schinnen might have been considered underdogs, especially "because we're a small community; we don't have a pool of talent to draw from," said coach Richard Ruiz. Plus they also had a relatively short season, with some doubleheaders cancelled.

Still, the Diamondbacks went undefeated in the tournament, including a victory over second-place Stuttgart.

"I ran my practices to teach the fundamentals and to play collectively as a team," Ruiz said. "I wanted them to understand that they all contribute, from the first player down to the last player. That was the difference in our team – how we were able to come together."

Other participating teams were from Wiesbaden, Heidelberg Vilseck and Ansbach, Germany; and Vicenza, Italy.

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(9 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Friday)
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To sign-up call
DSN 364-3008 or CIV 045 526-3008

Must be a Child and Youth Services (CYS) member to enroll in the program. CYS membership fees: \$18 per year. A current Health Assessment and an Immunization Record are needed prior to registration at CER, HQ JFC Brunssum, Bldg. 505, DSN 364-3121 / 4192

Summer Camp Programs are open to all U.S. & NATO ID card holders in the USAG Schinnen / Tri-Border Community.



California based dance group, Polynesian Paradise, wowed Tri-Border community audience members June 5, during a special performance at the USAG Schinnen Entertainment Center. The men and women dancers performed traditional dance routines and songs from different Polynesian cultures including Samoan, Tahitian, Hawaiian and New Zealand.

Polynesian Paradise

Dance troupe entertains Schinnen

By Tom Budzyna

Schinnen Public Affairs Office

Beautiful women, handsome men, dancing, singing and a cheering crowd - This may sound like a party turned naughty, but in reality it was a fun filled, family friendly entertainment concert at U.S. Army Garrison Schinnen June 5, by the group Polynesian Paradise in celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage month.

The California-based dance troupe entertained audience members with their elaborate costumes, unique music and traditional dance styles of Tahiti, Hawaii, New Zealand and Samoa.

Polynesian Paradise has performed all over the world for a variety of high profile people and international festivals and events, but, until now they had yet to perform for the U.S. troops stationed overseas.

"We pride ourselves in giving performances that appeal to everyone. We've performed for dignitaries and celebrities and we're very excited to give the troops a special treat," said Akemi Welsh, founder of Polynesian Paradise.

With the help of Armed Forces Entertainment, Polynesian Paradise is able to take their unique brand of dancing on the road to perform at military installations and bases so that troops and Families stationed overseas can be entertained.

In addition to dancing and singing, the group also gave young children and adults lessons in Polynesian dancing and wowed the crowd with a fire dance.

The show was not complete though until selected audience members got up on stage and showed off their hula moves in front of a cheering crowd.

"It was a great start to the Asian Pacific Heritage Month and the dancers really did a great job of letting the audience members experience a piece of their culture by showing us different dances," said Willie Short an audience member who participated in the jaw dropping

finale of the Polynesian Paradise show.

"The show was meant to provide a great family night for the members of the Tri-Border community and Polynesian Paradise definitely did that through their dance, music, and culture."



PHOTOS: LaDonna Davis

Selected audience member, Willie Short, shows off his moves (and body) during the closing number of Polynesian Paradise's performance at USAG Schinnen June 5.



SHAPE Healthcare Facility gets new doc

By J.D. Hardesty

Benelux EDGE Editor

Col. Michael A. Madsen took command of the SHAPE Healthcare Facility from Col. Mark D. Menich on June 14 in front of the clinic.

Landstuhl Regional Medical Center Commander Col. W. Bryan Gamble presided over the ceremony and praised Menich for his three-years of leadership.

Madsen served as the squadron flight surgeon for the 4th Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment before assuming command of the SHAPE medical facility. Through the years, he has gained international experience across a diverse clinical and combat setting.

Madsen originally entered the Army in 1977 through the Health Professions Scholarship Program and graduated from the University of Osteopathic Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa.

He was recalled to active duty in 1990 for Operation Desert Storm. In 1996 he joined the 364th Civil Affairs Brigade, deploying to Bosnia as the Combined Joint Civil-Military Task Force surgeon in 1997.

He deployed in 2002 to Mindanao, Republic of the Philippines as the Joint Special Operations Task Force surgeon providing counter-terrorism training for the Philippine Armed Forces.

In 2003 he became the command surgeon, Office of Military Cooperation-Afghanistan, supporting the newly created Afghan National Army Medical Department. Madsen deployed to Iraq in 2004 with the 36th Medical Evacuation Task Force, providing Air Ambulance MEDEVAC support for coalition forces.

PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

Col. Michael A. Madsen passed the guidon back to U.S. Army Health Clinic-SHAPE guidon back to the unit's 1st Sgt. Kevin Thomas on June 14. Madsen replaced Col. Mark D. Menich.

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Learn to ID, prevent, treat indoor mold

Benelux Public Affairs Office

With mold being prevalent throughout Europe, the questions of mold effects on health, mold exposure and prevention is important to all living throughout the theater.

According to the Department of Health and Human Services Web site, symptoms of mold exposure can be nasal stuffiness, eye irritation, wheezing, or skin irritation, but people with mold allergies may have more severe reactions.

"Mold exposure does not always present a health problem indoors," said Linda Ording, an industrial hygienist with U.S. Army Garrison Ansbach, Germany. "However, some people are sensitive to molds."

Chris Staker, health promotion coordinator for SHAPE Health Care Facility said, "While there is mold in Belgium, what is important is using good hygiene and ventilating the house."

Mold can be found both indoors and outdoors. It invades homes through open doorways, windows, vents, and heating and air conditioning systems. The spores float through the indoor and outdoor air continually, and they can attach themselves to clothing, shoes, bags, and even pets. However, preventing mold can be as easy as opening a house's windows at least twice daily for 10- 20 minutes or ensuring adequate ventilation.

"Mold can't grow without moisture; get rid of the water source and the problem is solved," said Lt. Col. Chris Papaioannou, director of SHAPE International Housing Office.

Papaioannou listed six primary sources of moisture in a home:

- a. Infiltration by leaky roof, leaky window or door;
- b. Water pipe leak - heating system, water supply, wastewater removal;
- c. Ascensional humidity - groundwater table or other water moving up thru the foundation;
- d. Porosity of materials - water moves thru bricks on windward side of house, for example;
- e. Thermic bridge - difference of materials in the walls causes temperature difference and condensation forms - common with mixed stone/brick wall;
- f. Internally generated/lack of ventilation - shower, kitchen, tightly sealed house, breathing, humidifiers, etc.



Moisture let in by leaky windows is a leading cause of mold.

According to Papaioannou, tenants are responsible, by Belgian law, to maintain the house "as a good father." This basically means doing the right and reasonable thing and take action to prevent further damage. Tenants are responsible for identifying any mold problems, attempting to solve it, and bringing the problem to the attention of the landlord, directly or through the housing office.

"I estimate about half of our mold problems are tenant-generated - steaming up the shower or kitchen, not ventilating, running humidifiers, storing everything in the basement and getting upset when all the boxes and clothes turn green, not cleaning the window drains and not re-sealing drains properly after maintenance," he said. "The other half are construction/landlord issues - roofs, walls need waterproofing, water tables coming up through the foundation, etc."

Papaioannou estimates that out of the 1,300 houses SHAPE International Housing Office manages, a legitimate, serious water infiltration leading to terminating leases early happens two to five times per year.

Mold infestations can usually be seen or smelled. Self-help for smaller mold issues is a possibility.

Environmental Health Services recommends using detergent and water to wash mold off hard surfaces and allowing it to dry completely for mold problems of about ten square feet or smaller. Other sources recommend cleaning the infected area with a one-cup of bleach to one-gallon of water ratio.

For more information on mold, checkout the following resources from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Web site:

http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/mold/Mold_TriFold.pdf

http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/mold/Mold_Prevention_Home.pdf

<http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/documents/FACT/64-005-0203.pdf>

Additional information is available at <http://www.imcom-europe.army.mil/sites/local/>.

Mold prevention tips:

- ☐ Keep the humidity level in your home between 40 and 60 percent.
- ☐ In homes without central heating and air conditioning systems, open windows twice a day for 10-20 minutes at a minimum.
- ☐ Be sure your home has enough ventilation.
- ☐ Use exhaust fans that vent outside your home in the kitchen and bathroom. Make sure your clothes dryer vents outside your home.
- ☐ Fix any leaks in your home's roof, walls, or plumbing so mold does not have moisture to grow.
- ☐ Clean up and dry out your home thoroughly and quickly (within 24-48 hours) after any water incursion.
- ☐ Add mold inhibitors to paints before painting.
- ☐ Clean bathrooms with mold-killing products (a 10 percent bleach solution is adequate).
- ☐ Remove or replace carpets and upholstery that have been soaked and cannot be dried promptly.
- ☐ Consider not using carpeting in areas like bathrooms or basements that have a lot of moisture.
- ☐ If using bleach to clean up mold:
- ☐ Never mix bleach and ammonia or other household cleaners. Mixing bleach with ammonia or other cleaning products can produce dangerous toxic fumes.
- ☐ Open windows and doors to provide fresh air.
- ☐ Wear non-porous gloves and protective eyewear.
- ☐ If the area to be cleaned is more than 10 square feet, contact the Housing Office.

Sources: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Web site, pamphlets of U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion Preventive Medicine, Industrial Hygiene/Preventive Medicine Mold Assessment Guide

Memorial Day



USAG Benelux Public Affairs Office

Nearly 18,800 Americans are eternally laid to rest in the five cemeteries across the Benelux footprint.

Many of the 368 World War I Soldiers interred at Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem, Belgium died young in the Ypres Salient bringing liberty to Europe.

Less than 30 years later, another 18,000 of America's sons would lay in eternal rest - the price for liberating Europe.

Today, thousands still visit the American Cemeteries - the final resting place for warriors from the "Greatest Generation" who made the ultimate sacrifice - to pay their respects, say a prayer or a thank you for their freedom.

The U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Soldiers visited all five of these cemeteries during the Memorial Day weekend May 26-27. Other service members belonging to several tenant units, participated in the ceremonies.

At the Ardennes and Henri-Chapelle American cemeteries on May 26 and Flanders Field on May 27, the USAG Benelux, along with Airmen from the 309th Airlift Squadron and Soldiers from the 39th Signal Battalion, SHAPE Healthcare Facility and U.S. Army NATO supported the ceremonies. The joint operation provided color guards, a multi-service honors platoon and service members to help with the wreath laying.

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PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

The Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial, established on Dec. 29, 1944, contains 5,076 of our military dead, many of whom lost their lives in the "Battle of the Bulge" and in the advance to the Rhine. Visitors come from all over Europe to thank them for their liberty and freedom.

Thousands across Benelux

Each year in Belgium, the American Overseas Memorial Day Association, along with a military contingent, helps to ensure that the sacrifices of the almost 14,000 Americans who lie buried in the three American military cemeteries will not be forgotten.

At the Ardennes, a World War II cemetery, 5,328 Americans, many of whom died in the Battle of the Bulge in 1944-1945, are buried. Since the cemetery also served as a central identification point during and immediately after the war, it also contains the graves of Soldiers and Airmen killed throughout the Allied drive through Belgium, France and Germany.

Memorial Day Remembrance

The five American Cemeteries across the Benelux with the number interred.

- ❑ Ardennes - 5,328
- ❑ Flanders Field 368
- ❑ Henri Chapelle - 7,992
- ❑ Luxembourg - 5,076
- ❑ Netherlands - 8,301

Henri-Chapelle contains the graves of 7,992 Americans killed in WWII.

Flanders Field is a World War I battlefield cemetery that is the final resting place of 368 Americans killed in October and November 1918 during the final offensive of the war.

Representatives from across the USAG Benelux supported the Netherlands American Cemetery at Margraten, Netherlands where 8,301 warriors were laid to rest; and, in Luxembourg American Cemetery where 5,076 Americans are buried.

Across the ranks, visiting these fallen warriors



PHOTO: Thad Moyseowicz

U.S. Army Garrison Brussels provided a color guard and honor platoon for Memorial Day festivities May 27 at Flanders Field American Cemetery in Waregem, Belgium. USAG Benelux provided support to all five cemeteries located in its footprint.

instills honor and respect.

"It was a great honor for me to be a member of the Memorial Day color guard," said Pfc. Gerardo Razo, assigned to USAG Benelux. "We need to keep the memories alive of all those who have gone before us... that gave their lives during World War II and all wars."

"Participating in this ceremony is one of the proudest moments of my military career thus far," added Pfc. Rusty Hodges, also with USAG Benelux. "Standing in the midst of the graves, remembering and honoring all of the fallen heroes that fought to protect and preserve our freedom was incredible. It reminded me of why we still do what we do today...to ensure that our friends and families will always live in a nation that stands for freedom and democracy."

According to Air Force Brig. Gen. James P. Hunt, "Just walking into the cemetery is breath-

taking. Hunt, A-3 at U.S. Air Force Europe, served as guest speaker for the ceremony. "It's remarkable to see how well the cemetery is kept and all of the different countries uniforms who come to pay their respect."

"I am humbled and honored," he said while looking the crosses of the men and women who made the sacrifice for liberty. "These fallen represent those who took up the cause and gave their all for freedom."



PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

Edward Lipari
95th Infantry Division

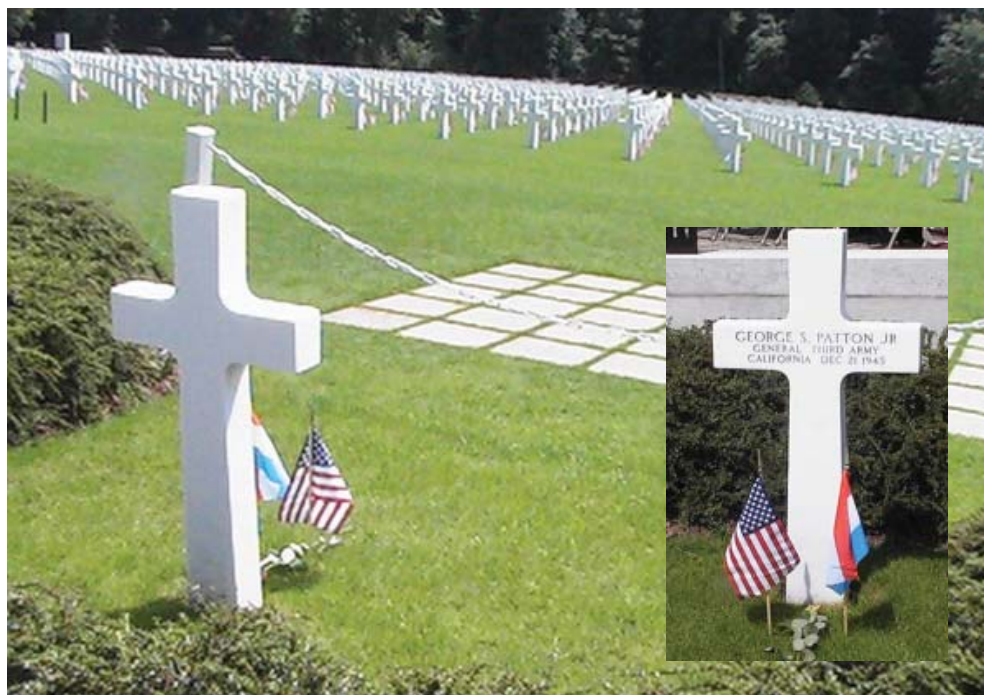
Jersey native and former sergeant who served with the 95th Infantry Division during his three years of military service.

"The heroes from the war are laying over there," he said as he pointed away from the memorial and toward the field of white crosses and Star of Davids. "I lost touch with so many men I served with but I have no complaints... God has been good to me."

Mike Donovan, plans officer for the Benelux Directorate of Plans, Training, Mobilization

PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

Gen. George S. Patton is buried at Luxembourg American Cemetery with the Soldiers he fought beside liberating Europe. The cross on Patton's grave seemingly forms an eternal formation with the 5,076 Soldiers buried on the sloping hillside.



honor America's fallen

and Security, who attended each of the ceremonies, said he was most impressed by "the caring and appreciation that many Europeans still feel for the sacrifices made by so many young Americans. Overall, it is a very sobering, somber weekend...but well worth it."

He said one of the things that impressed him the most was how people have adopted different graves, for whatever the reason, and how they pay tribute to the fallen Soldiers before and after the ceremony.

PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

A USAG Benelux color guard marches away after the Memorial Day ceremony May 29 at the Mardasson in Bastogne, Belgium. Members of the color guard team, led by Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Jessen, included Pfc. Gerardo Razo, Sgt. Jake T. Brice, Spc. Lance LeBlanc and Spc. Benjamin Lowrance



PHOTO: Steven Hoover

Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Army Gen. Brantz J. (John) Craddock, greets host nation ceremony participants at Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery May 26.



PHOTO: Steven Hoover

From left, Spc. Lance LeBlanc, Staff Sgt. Johnny Hall, Tech. Sgt. Bobby Richmond and Spc. Benjamin Lowrance presented the American and Belgian colors at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery May 26. The color guard was led by Sgt. 1st Class Thomas Jessen.



PHOTO: J.D. Hardesty

An U.S. Air Force color guard from the 52nd Fighter Wing out of Spangdahlem, Germany presented the colors at the Luxembourg American Cemetery on May 26 during Memorial Day activities.



PHOTO: Steven Hoover

From left, Pfc. Gerardo Razo, Sgt. Jeremy Ringo, Sgt. Jake T. Brice and Pfc. Rusty Hodges opened the festivities at the Ardennes American Cemetery and Memorial May 26 by presenting the American and Belgian colors. The color guard was led by Staff Sgt. Larry Fitzpatrick.

What was lost, has now been found

By Tom Budzyna

Schinnen Public Affairs Office

Memorial Day has always been a time to reflect on the sacrifice, duty and commitment that our fallen Soldiers have given so that we may live in a country of peace and freedom. But for two children of fallen hero's, this past Memorial Day brought a new meaning to the word "remembrance."

Dr. Sharon Estill Taylor and Bob Slencak II are unrelated, yet have one very important thing in common this Memorial Day, what was once lost, has now been found.

Estill was barely a month old when her father, 1st Lt. Shannon E. Estill, a fighter pilot with the 428th Fighter Squadron with the 474th Fighter Group, was killed near the end of World War II on April 13, 1945 when his plane was shot down.

As with all Soldiers whose remains have not been found, Lt. Estill's name was listed on the "Wall of the Missing" at the Margraten Cemetery in the Netherlands... that is, until now.

After many years of research and nearly 60 years after her father's death, Estill was able to track down where her father's plane crashed, ultimately leading to the finding and identifying of her father's remains.

On May 26, Taylor was able to bring closure to a life-long search by placing a bronze Rosetta next to



1st Lt. Shannon E. Estill

her father's name on the Wall of the Missing symbolizing he had been found.

"In 2001 I came here (Margraten Cemetery) for the very first time and I stood here next to the Wall of the Missing and I

wondered what those brown things were next to some people's name. And whoever was here explained to me that that means those people had been found," Estill said at the rosette ceremony for her father. "I said 'let's come back here when we can put one of those things next to my father's name,' and that's what we're doing here today."

For Slencak, a lost and found story of a different kind is what brought him out to Margraten this Memorial Day.

On March 6, 1944, Robert Slencak Sr. was a copilot of a B-24 Liberation on the way to England after bombing Berlin. The plane crashed in the Netherlands killing the pilot and three crew members.

Fortunately, Slencak Sr. made it out alive; unfortunately, he was taken as a prisoner of war until the end of WWII. But between all of that commotion, Bob lost one important item, his military dog tag.

In a twisted turn of fate, a Dutch man found Slencak's dog tag in 1970 and, not knowing what to do with it, decided to hold on to it...for 37 years. Eventually the Dutch man was able to get in touch with Slencak Jr. and inform him of his discovery, but not without meeting some resistance.

"When I first received the email, I thought it was a scam and that the next thing would be asking for money," Slencak recalls. "Fortunately, no one ever asked for money, they just wanted to return the tag to me."

Though Slencak Sr. died in 1986, his son refused to let a piece of his legacy as a war survivor die. Traveling all the way from Ohio, Slencak came to the Memorial Day ceremony in Margraten May 27, to thank the Dutch man who found his father's dog tag and to retrieve a missing piece of his father's past.

"I think if my father was still alive today he would have come all the back here to the Netherlands with me to pick this back up and hang it on his old dog tag chain and put it with his collection of memorabilia," said Slencak.

Estill and Slencak may be missing their loved ones, but because of the willingness, and kindness of people from a country whose commitment to the U.S. Soldiers of WWII is unwavering, these two family members can go home with filled hearts and a piece of their fallen father's time as war hero's.

PHOTO: Tom Budzyna

Below: Dr. Sharon Estill Taylor was able to bring closure to a life-long search by placing a bronze Rosetta next to her father's name on the Wall of the Missing symbolizing he had been found.



PHOTO: LaDonna Davis

Dr. Sharon Estill Taylor and Bob Slencak II, the children of two fallen WWII Soldiers bond over the loss of their fathers and discuss the discovery of Slencak's father's found dog tag. The two are unrelated and had never met before today, but both came to Margraten this past Memorial Day to reclaim something of their father's time serving in the military. For Estill it was the discovery of her father's body and for Slencak it was discovery of his father's missing dog tag.





PHOTOS: Steven Hoover

Devon Murrie, Mary Murtha, Kristen Whitney, Nikola Humar, Josh Zink, Joseph McGee, Gavin Wainwright, Carlos Notarianni, Kelsey Bardell, Burcu Sumer, Andrea Filip and Zach Ray received Certificates of Appreciation for anti-smoking posters they drew in observance of World No Tobacco Day. Lt. Col. John G. Romero, Chièvres Garrison Commander (center); Chris Staker, USAG Benelux Health Promotion coordinator; and Louise Kelly, an adolescent substance abuse counselor; spoke with several classes about the health risks related to smoking at SHAPE American High School June 4.

SHAPE students observe World No Tobacco Day

By Steven Hoover
Benelux Public Affairs Office

During the local observance of World No Tobacco Day, several classes at SHAPE American High School participated in discussions about the health risks related to smoking, along with showing and discussing posters they made for the occasion, June 4.

Since its creation by the World Health Organization in 1987, World No Tobacco Day has been observed, usually on May 31. Similar to The Great American Smokeout in the United States and "Weedless Wednesday" observed in Canada, the day draws global attention to tobacco use and to the possible death and disease it causes.

Lt. Col. John G. Romero, Chièvres Garrison commander; Chris Staker, USAG Benelux Health Promotion coordinator; Dora Milam, SHAPE school nurse; and Louise Kelly, a contracted adolescent substance abuse counselor; took turns presenting information and materials to the students.

"Talking with students at this age is our best opportunity to advise them about the hazards related to smoking," Staker said. "The sooner they understand the dangerous effects, the better."

Part of the observance was a poster contest, where the best French, English and Visual winners were honored. Receiving Certificates of Appreciation from Romero were: Devon Murrie, Mary Murtha, Kristen Whitney, Nikola Humar, Josh Zink, Joseph McGee, Gavin Wainwright, Carlos Notarianni, Kelsey Bardell, Burcu Sumer, Andrea Filip, Andrea Chiru and Zach Ray.



Along with several others, Louise Kelly, a contracted adolescent substance abuse counselor, spoke with several classes about the health risks related to smoking at SHAPE American High School June 4. Participating students who answered questions or provided on-point observations, were rewarded with various items.

Hazardous materials center or free store?

Directorate of Public Works

Did you know that you can get paint, motor oils, or antifreeze for free at Chièvres Air Base?

And the process is good for the environment.

The process is simple: Units and organizations within the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux storing excess hazardous materials that are no longer used or needed should bring the product to the **Hazardous Material Reuse & Control Center** on the air base.

The hazardous material is then properly stored at the center. Expired material is checked for extending the shelf life and is integrated in the reuse process if it is still in good condition.

Units or organizations can contact the center if a certain product is available for use. If the center has product in stock, the units can pick it up for free!

Operating hours

Monday: 8:30 a.m. to noon/1 - 5 p.m.

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. to noon/1 - 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 8:30 a.m. to noon/1 - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to noon/1 - 5 p.m.

Friday: 8:30 a.m. to noon / 1-3 p.m.

Closed Saturday and Sunday



Important: The center accepts only hazardous material that is still in its original packaging!

The purpose of the Hazardous Material Reuse and Control Center is to reduce and decentralize the amount of hazardous material in the supply system while simultaneously reducing the amount of hazardous waste generated throughout the command.

General information

The HMRCC:

- Was established in 2003;
- Is located in Bldg. 20025 on Chièvres Air Base;
- Can be used by all USAG Benelux units and organizations;
- Purchases and stores hazardous materials;
- Collects used but not yet expired HM for redistribution and reuse;
- Maintains a list of currently stored hazardous material available for redistribution.

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Brussels

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DSN 362-2493; CIV 010-459-2493

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SHAPE

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Schinnen - JFC Brunssum

DSN 364-2454; CIV 045-526-2454

Custom Frame Center - JFC

Brunssum

DSN 364 - 3821; CIV 045-526-3821

Arts & Crafts Rotterdam

DSN 362-2457; CIV 010-459-2457

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DSN 423-4606; CIV 065-44-4606

Schinnen

DSN 360-7370; CIV 0031-46443-7370

Auto Centers

SHAPE Auto Skills Centre

DSN 423-4693; CIV 065-44-4693

Brussels Auto Craft Center

368-8743; CIV 02-717-9743

Auto Craft Shop - JFC

Brunssum

DSN 364-3173; 045-526-3173

CYS

Chièvres & SHAPE

Central Registration (all youth)

DSN 423-3874; CIV 065-44-3874

Schinnen

Central Registration

DSN 364-6221; CIV 045-563-6221

Child Development Center - JFC

Brunssum

DSN 364-2575; CIV 045-526-2575

School Age Services - JFC

Brunssum

DSN 364-3004; CIV 045-526-3004

Middle/High School - JFC

Brunssum

DSN 364-3008; CIV 045-526-3008

School Liaison Services

DSN 364-6141; CIV 045-563-6141

Brussels CYS

Central Registration Office

DSN 368-9651; CIV 02-717-9651

USAG Benelux

Benelux ACS on SHAPE

Veteran's Affairs Briefing - Jul. 18, 8 a.m.

- noon, Hotel Le Maisières - Briefing on VA benefits, presented by representatives from the Department of Veterans Affairs on education, home loan guarantees, life insurance, vocational rehabilitation, disability compensation, VA health care, and other benefit programs. Registration is required.

Job Opportunities Overview - Tue, 9:30

- 10:30 a.m., Benelux Welcome Center, Hotel Le Maisières.

Job Opportunities Workshop - Wed, 9

a.m. - noon, USAG Benelux ACS on SHAPE.

Benelux Headstart - Jul. 9 - 13 ; 23 - 27

Mandatory instruction for U.S. service members. Enroll during in-processing or call ACS at DSN 423-5324 or USAG Benelux Education Center at DSN 423-3466.

Sponsorship Training - Jul. 11, 10:30 -

11:30 a.m., Bldg. 318, SHAPE

Make the right move - Jul. 11, 2 - 3 p.m.,

Bldg. 318, SHAPE - Relocation briefing for service members and their Families in the process of PCS-ing or who plan to PCS in the near future.

Spouse Cultural Adaptation Seminar -

Jul. 19, 1 - 3 p.m.; Jul. 20, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., USAG Benelux Welcome Center at Hotel Le Maisières. Open discussion, transitioning advice and a shopping trip to Brussels.

Take the Train - Jul. 14, 30, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Meet at Hotel Le Maisières for a workshop on using public transportation in Belgium. A bus tour of the city is scheduled, followed by a lunch in one of the local restaurants and a walking tour of the Grand Place. Preregistration is required. Children are welcome.

Newcomer Fitness - Jul. 24, 1 - 4 p.m., Class

provides Benelux newcomers with local chain-of-command information and other resources about living here.

Anger Management - Tue, Thu, 1:30 - 3

p.m. Available by appointment.

Mommy and Me Class/Military Acro-

nyms and Terms - Jul. 9, 9 - 11 a.m., Learn the language of the military while socializing. Children welcome.

Working Lunch Series/Political Issues

and the Army - Jul. 19, 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m., Call ACS for more information.

Love and Logic Parenting - Jul. 11, 18, 25,

6:30 - 7:30 p.m., ACS Training Room - Register in advance.

Active Parenting of Teens - Jul. 11, 18,

25, 2 - 3:30 p.m., ACS Training Room. This series is helpful to parents of 12-17 year olds. The Active Parenting of Teens series pays spe-

cial attention to today's problems of teen drug use, sexuality and violence, providing parents with clear prevention guidelines. Call DSN 423-8217; CIV 065-44-8217 for more information.

Brown Bag Lunch - Jul. 11, 11:30 a.m. - 1

p.m. Luncheon series is held at the USAG Benelux Welcome Center located in the Hotel Le Maisières. Topic for July: *Helping kids Deal with Divorce.*

New Parent Support Program - This pro-

gram is available to all military and civilian Families expecting or with children, newborn to three years old. Services offered include: information and referral, home visitations, education on topics relating to maternity and childbirth, parenting classes, playgroups, breast-feeding and more. Call DSN 423-4274; CIV 065-44-4274 for more information.

Playmorning - Jul. 10, 24, 9 - 11 a.m., SHAPE

Health Facility, EDIS playroom - Playmorning is a two-hour program in which parents and their children play together in a group setting.

Infant Massage Class - Thu, 11 a.m. -

noon, SHAPE Health Clinic, EDIS Playroom.

Breast-feeding Support Group - Jul. 18,

11 a.m. - noon, SHAPE Health Clinic, first floor Social Work Conference Room

Brussels

French Conversation Club - Wed, - If you

have mid or advanced knowledge of French join the French Conversation Club run by USAG Brussels ACS. One lunchtime session per week, for an hour and a half, usually on Wednesdays. Call DSN 368-9729.

Veterans Benefits Briefing - Jul. 19, 9 a.m.

- noon, Bldg. 4, top floor, Conference Room. The seminar, presented by representatives from the Department of Veteran Affairs, covers education benefits, home loan guarantees, life insurance, compensation for service, connected disabilities, vocational rehabilitation and employment, VA health care, death and survivor benefits, VA special programs, and other VA affairs and services. Seminar for active duty, retirees and Family members. Call DSN 368-9735 or CIV 02-717-9735 to register.

"TAP" Into Success - Jul. 16 - 18, 9 a.m. -

4 p.m. - The Transition Assistance Program workshop is open to all military members, their spouses, and civilians contemplating leaving government service. It includes a pre-separation briefing and a career transition session. The pre-separation briefing reviews the benefits and services available to military service members and their Families as they transit from the service. Remote services program is now available at www.acap.army.mil. The career transition workshop covers such topics as interviews, reviewing job offers, support and assistance, career exploration, strategies for an

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effective job search and much more. Call ACS to register.

Toddler Playgroup - Tue and Fri, 10 a.m. - noon, Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 4 - No sign-up required.

Schinnen

Dutch Headstart and Newcomers' Orientation Tour- Jul. 30 - Aug. 2, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Aug. 3, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Familiarize yourself with the Tri-boarder area by visiting military and civilian sites and learn about local language and customs. Education Center in Treebeek at 75 Horizonstraat.

Sponsorship Training - every third Wed of the month, 2 - 3:30 p.m. - Learn about becoming a sponsor.

International Spouses Orientation - last Wed of the month, 2 - 3 p.m., ACS Conference Room. Foreign born spouses coping with cultural differences and military life can receive support and assistance at this class.

Family Advocacy Program - The program offers free preventive education classes to all U.S./NATO ID cardholders and their Families. Call DSN 360-7500; CIV 046-443-7500.

Playmorning - every Thu, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., Schinnen Sports Center - This interactive and educational playgroup is designed to develop parenting skills and give parents and kids a chance to socialize.

Birth, Breast-feeding Support, and Beyond - Childbirth Workshop, Jul. 10, 17, 24 6-8 p.m. ACS Conference Room.

Breast-feeding Support Group- meets every third Wed of the month, 10 -11 a.m., ACS Conference Room.

Baby Support Group - meets every third Wed of the month, 11 a.m. to noon, ACS Conference Room. New presenter each month instructs on infant care and development.

Heerlen Hospital OB Tour - Jun. 4, call for times - English language afternoon tours of the labor, delivery and postpartum units. Meet with OB labor and delivery nurses. Transportation provided by ACS. Call ACS for dates/times.

Finding Employment Workshop - every Tue, 10 a.m. - noon. Learn job searching skills. Register at ACS.

Dress for Success Workshop - Jul. 18, 10 a.m. - noon, ACS Resource Center.

Interviewing Skills Workshop - Jul. 19, 10 a.m. - noon, ACS Resource Center.

Webcams, VTC and morale phone calls - In cases of deployment, temporary duty, PCS move, hospitalization or any other event that might separate Family, ACS now has free live

webcams and video teleconferencing available. The service is offered daily, by appointment. Call in advance for the VTC service.

Deployed Coffee Hour - ACS Yellow Room - Families and friends of deployed Soldiers get together and socialize over coffee and tea. Call ACS for dates and times.

Financial Readiness Class - every third Wed of the month, 10 - 11:30 a.m. Class covers banking and credit union services, budget development, record keeping, debt liquidation, insurance and more.

One-on-One Financial Counseling - every second and third Wed of the month, 2 - 4 p.m., AFNORTH Battalion Conference Room - Receive specialized help and support on subjects ranging from understanding your local utility bills to advice on your personal finances.

Army Family Team Building Level 1 Class - Jul. 26, 10 a.m. - noon. ACS Conference Room.

Army Volunteer Services - Call DSN 360-7451 to volunteer.

Exceptional Family Member Program - advocacy is available for Family members with special needs. Call DSN 360-7371.

Rotterdam

Dinner Cruise - Jul. 7 - Rotterdam Directorate of Morale Welfare and Recreation is offering a dinner cruise in the Rotterdam harbor. Call DSN 362-2257 for details.

One-on-One Financial Counseling - Receive specialized help and support on local utility bills to personal finance advice. Call DSN 362-2257; CIV 010-459-2257 for dates and times.

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Schinnen - JFC HQ Brunssum
DSN 364-2110; CIV 045-526-2110

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DSN 362-2454; CIV 010-459-2454

Brussels

DSN 368-9791; CIV 02-717-9791

Sport & Fitness

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DSN 361 - 5643; CIV 068-27-5643

Brussels

DSN 368-9667; CIV 02-717-9667

Schinnen

DSN 360-7561; CIV 046-443-7561

Schinnen Bowling Center

DSN 360-7207; CIV 046-443-7207

Outdoor Recreation

SHAPE

DSN 423-5380; CIV 065-44-5380

Brussels

DSN 368-9775; CIV 02-717-9775

Schinnen

DSN 360-7561; CIV 046-443-7561

Restaurants/Clubs

Chièvres/SHAPE

Prime Time Bar & Grill

DSN 361-5504; CIV 068-27-5504

SHAPE Entertainment Center

DSN 423-3312; CIV 065-44-3312

SHAPE Events Center

DSN 423-5129; CIV 065-44-5129

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Harry's BBQ

DSN 360-7527; CIV 046-443-7527

Pin Point Café

DSN 360-7527; CIV 046-443-7527

Rotterdam

Rumors

DSN 362-2420; CIV 010-459-2420

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Three Star Lounge

DSN 368-9822; CIV 02-717-9822

Trips & Tours

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Child & Youth Services

Editor's Note: No information was made available from Child and Youth Services within the Chièvres Garrison footprint that includes SHAPE, Chièvres Air Base and Caserne Daumerie.

Brussels

Newcomers' Program is looking for five volunteer youth. Volunteers should be in third through 12th grades to write letters to new students moving to Brussels and who are looking for a sponsor/friend before they arrive. Training offered to interested youth. Contact the Brussels Outreach Director at 02-717-9651 or email slobrussels@imcom-europe.army.mil for an application.

Home Schoolers who are CYS members may use the youth 4-H Technology lab every Tue, 10 - 11 a.m.

CYS Parent-Youth Lab - every Thu, 6 - 6:30 p.m. Registered youth may use their five free hours to enjoy this program. Program is also open to registered youth and parents.

The Keystone Club meets once a month to plan activities for the high school teens in the Brussels community. School dances, movie and pizza nights, all night lock-ins, and special summer trips are some of those activities. For more information on the Keystone Club, call CYS between 2:30 - 6:30 p.m.

The Torch Club is a leadership club that meets twice a month in the Brussels Child and Youth Services Middle School Teen Center to plan activities and trips for the middle school kids. During the school year, the club meetings are held the first Friday and the third Wednesday of the month from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Schinnen

Family Child Care - Family child care providers are needed. Call for an application or information.

Child Development Center - Full daycare services offered for infants - kindergarten children. Part day preschool services offered (3 - 5 yrs. old). Hourly care also available.

School Age Services - Before and after school care is available for children in first - sixth grades. Children must be registered with CYS. They may receive five free hours of care per month if not enrolled in a regular program.

SAS Summer Camp Program will run through Aug. 17, with fun-filled activities along with scheduled field trips to places like Phantasialand and Snow World. Week camp rates range from \$36 - \$104.

Youth Services is open Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. for middle and high school students. In the mornings there is a nominal charge and afternoons are free. Free homework help and a computer lab is available.

Youth Sponsorship - Ease your transition to the community by requesting a youth sponsor. Want to become a sponsor? Free training is available.

Youth Sports & Fitness - Sign-ups for Summer Basketball Camp - ends Jul. 6 with classes and scrimmages held Jul. 1 - Aug. 11. Games were played Saturdays, noon - 2 p.m. in the Schinnen Sports Center. Cost \$20. Martial Arts registration is continuous; 12 sessions cost \$60. Call DSN 364-6056; CIV 045-563-6056.

Job and Volunteer Opportunities - CYS program assistants work with infants/children through high school. Salary based on training and experience. Free training is provided. Volunteer head coaches receive free and discounted sports enrollment for their children. Call CIV 045-563-6019.

Youth Services seeks contracted instructors courses this spring in photography, ballet, horseback riding and other courses. Call DSN 364-3008; CIV 045-563-3008.

School Liaison Services - Program info available by calling DSN 364-6141.

Chièvres Garrison/SHAPE

Theater Summer Camp - Honk Jr. - Book and Lyrics by Anthony Drewe - Music by George Stiles - Based on Hans Christian Andersen's "The Ugly Duckling" runs through Jul. 28.

Group I: grades third through fifth, 9 a.m. - noon

Group II: grades sixth through eighth, 1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Group III: grades ninth through twelfth, 6 - 9 p.m.

Hans Christian Anderson's classic tale has been transformed into a modern musical comedy appropriate for everyone in the family. During Theatre Summer Camp children are introduced to the craft of acting and various aspects of theater including creative choreography and musical staging, costume design and development, property management, set design and building, lighting effects, sound development and marketing. Cost: €225.

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Child and Youth Services and the SHAPE Players present: **Honk Jr. Production** - Jul. 26, 7:30 p.m.; Jul. 27, 7:30 p.m.; Jul. 28, 2 and 7:30 p.m. at the SHAPE Performing Arts Center, Bldg. 207, €5 for adults and children. For tickets call DSN 423-3312; CIV 065-44-3312.

Arts & Crafts

Brussels

Knitting - offered every Wed, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Free.

Ongoing Programs - Framing courses, birthday parties, after school special ceramic studio.

Something Different - The arts and Crafts Center now has trophies available.

Scrap-booking - every Fri, 1 - 3 p.m.

Schinnen

Book Binding and Linen and Leather Workshop - Wed, 6 - 9 p.m. Sign up for three, 3-hour workshops and learn the rare art of book binding. Finish two books. Price: €37, including materials.

Custom Frame Center - Offers ready-made frames, dry mounting, laminating and shrink wrapping. Call the center for more information.

Basic Matting and Framing Workshop - Wed, 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. - Learn how to frame pictures, prints, artwork and collectibles. Price: €35.

Chièvres Garrison/SHAPE

SHAPE Arts & Crafts - The center has new hours; Mon, Thu - 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Tue, Wed - 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.; Fri - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.; Sat - 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Sundays.

Children's Summer Activities - every Tue - 9:30 a.m. - noon - through Aug. 14. Scheduled classes include: Make Your Own Name Plate on Wood with Ceramic Letters - Jul. 3; Design a Mobile - Jul. 10; Iron Figurines with Beads - Jul. 17; Paint Your Own Shopping Bag - Jul. 24; Birdhouses - Jul. 31; Pottery - Aug. 7; Frame Mosaics - Aug. 14.

Sports & Fitness

Brussels

Basic Belly Dance Class - Every Tue, 10 - 11 a.m.

Yoga Class - Mon, Wed, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.

Spin Class - Tue, Thu, 6 - 7 p.m.

Step/Aerobic - Mon, Fri, noon - 1 p.m.

Abdominal classes - Tue, Thu, noon - 12:45 p.m.

Personal Fitness Program - Tone muscles, lose fat, improve your health condition, train for a race or a special sport, by preparing with Brussels sports specialist with a one-on-one personal fitness training program call DSN 368-9652; CIV 02-717-9652.

Run for Your Life Program - is self-paced fitness through running and participants log their miles with the Fitness Center. Patches awarded at 100, 200, 300, 400, 500, 750, and 1000 miles.

MEDEX Training - One-on-one introduction training offered.

Schinnen

Indoor Swimming Pool - Call DSN 364-3172; CIV 045-443-3172 for more information.

Schinnen Bowling Center offers a 12-lane house with cosmic bowling, league bowling, and open bowling. Special birthday packages offered.

Chièvres (Fitness Center)

Yoga for Everybody - Mon, Wed, Fri, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. - \$2/Tue, 5:45 - 6:45 p.m. - free.

Step and Strength - Mon, Wed, 9:30 - 11 a.m. - \$2

Pilates - Tue, Thu, 10 - 11 a.m. - \$2

Fitness Center Orientation - will be held on July 26.

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Chièvres

Prime Time Bar & Grill

Breakfast: Mon - Fri, 7 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Lunch: Mon - Fri, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lounge: Wed-Thu at 5 p.m.

Closed: Jul. 4, 5 all day; closed Jul. 6 for breakfast and lunch.

Matt Poss and the Wild Bunch - July 6 - Free country music concert. Band starts at 6:30 p.m. Open to all US and NATO ID cardholders.

Rotterdam

Rumors Open Mon - Thu, 2:30 - 8 p.m. and Fri, 4:30 - 10 p.m.

Schinnen

Recreation Plaza

Spin Point Cafe, Harry's BBQ.

Libraries

Chièvres

Get a Clue at Chièvres Library - through - Aug. 3. Summer Reading Program is open to all children of U.S. and Canadian ID cardholders.

SHAPE

Preschool Children's Story Time - for ages 3-5 years old. Jul. 3, 24, 31; 10 a.m. Families are invited to join the Read-to-Me portion of the program.

Lap Sit Program - for ages 0 - 2 years old. Jul. 4, 11, 18, 25; 9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Singing, stories and playtime.

Spring Reading Program - for ages 5 - 7 yrs. Jul. 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Spring Reading Program - for ages 8- 10 yrs. Jul. 26, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Page Turners - Book Discussion Group - Jul. 18, 5:30 p.m. - "The Bronze Horseman" by Paullina Simons.

Library Chess Club

Ages 9 and up, Jul. 10, 24, 4 p.m.

Painting Exhibition

Jul. 1 -31, Artist: Debie Eugene.

Brussels

Summer Reading Program - through August. This year's theme is: "Get a Clue at Your Library!" Visit <http://www.cslpreads.org/> for more information.

Children's Story Hour - for 3 - 5 year olds, Wed, 11 a.m. - noon - Listen, learn and share

the world of books and reading.

Pre-School Story Hour - for children up to 3 years olds, Wed, 11 a.m. - noon - Register at the Library or via email at BrusselsLibrary@eur.army.mil.

Schinnen

Two Summer Reading Programs begin Jun. 26: Get a Clue @ Your Library for 3 -12 year olds and YNK (You Never Know) for teens. Register, read and receive prizes based on the number of books read. Preschool children may participate by having books read aloud to them.

Independence Day

Celebrations

Chièvres/SHAPE

Independence Day Celebration: Jul. 4, noon - 11:30 p.m., SHAPE. Fireworks start at 11 p.m.

Brussels

Independence Day Celebration July 7 from 3-11 p.m. at Brussels American School; a joint and inter-agency Brussels community celebration featuring a red/white/blue procession, followed by the official opening ceremony with



BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

Summer Camp

Runs 10 July to 11 Aug 07

Cost - \$20 per child

Registration ends 6 July 07
Tues. & Thurs. 5 - 7 p.m. for ages 6 through 18 at the Schinnen Sports Center

Games on Saturday
from 12 to 2 p.m. at the Schinnen Sports Center



Must be a Child and Youth Services (CYS) member to enroll in the program. CYS membership fees: \$18 per year. A current Health Assessment and an Immunization Record are needed prior to registration at JFC, Bldg. 505.

The program is open to all U.S. and NATO ID card holders.

For more information call:

DSN 364-3121 / CIV 045-526-3121




Tri-Border American Fest 2007

Sat 7 July

**Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base
Sports Field
1200 - 2330 hrs**

**All Nationalities
with NATO ID
WELCOME!**

All Fees in Euros

**Food, Rides,
Bands, Swimming,
and Fireworks**

For more information call:
HQ JFC - Com: 0031-(0) 45-526-2626 / DSN: 364-2626
USAG Schinnen - Com: 046-443-7488 / DSN: 360-7488
Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base - Com: 0049 2451 633892



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"Salute to the Nation" and "Volunteer of the Year Award" (all four Services/U.S. Color Guards, NATO and Embassy representatives). All members of the Benelux-wide and Tri-Mission communities are invited to attend. Call 02-717-9753 for information or to volunteer.

Schinnen

Tri-Border American Fest - July 7, noon - 11:30 p.m., Geilenkirchen NATO Air Base, Sports Field - Food, rides, bands, swimming and fireworks. All nationalities with NATO ID are welcome. All fees are in euros. For more information call DSN 364-2626; CIV 045-526-2626.

Trips & Tours

Brussels

Canterbury Calling - Jul. 14; Sep 15 - Leave early from Sterrebeek to Calais, France and ferry to Dover, UK. From the spires of the famous Canterbury Cathedral, to Kent University, and to the many antique shops. Price: \$50 adults, \$39 children under 12 yrs. of age.

Romantic Amsterdam - Jul. 28; Sep 22 - Take a canal boat tour, visit a museum or explore the heart of the diamond and gemstone cutting district. Price: \$35 adults, \$29 children under 12 yrs. of age.

Paris - Aug. 25 - Upon arrival, a one and one-half hour tour of Paris will drive by the famous "Moulin Rouge," Opera house, Place de la

Concorde, Champs Elysees, Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, the Palais du Louvre and the Ile de la Cite, passing by the cathedral of Notre-Dame. Free time after the tour. Price: \$40 adults, \$35 children under 12 yrs. of age.

Schinnen

Alkmaar and Zaanse Schans - Jul. 13 - Visit a cheese market and see the windmills. Price: \$32.50.

Munich and Dachau - Jul. 20 - 23 - Trip includes three overnights with breakfast in a first class hotel. Register by Jun. 1. Price: \$369 pp. in double/triple room, \$519 pp in single room, \$259 child 11 and under.

Weekend in London - Aug. 10 - Three overnights with breakfast in a three star hotel. Cost \$339/dbl, \$459 single, \$259 children 11 yrs. and under.

Day Trip to Luxembourg - Aug. 25 - Includes a stop at the American Cemetery of Hamm and viewing Patton's Grave. Price: \$29.

Chièvres/SHAPE

Walibi Day Passes - Price: €25.

Beach Day - Oostende, Belgium - Jul. 12, Price: €25.

Dinant Citadel and Cruise on the Meuse - Jul. 14, Price: €35 Adult, €33 Youth 4-14, €19 Child 0-3.

Grottoes of Han, Belgium Underground Caves & Wildlife Reserve - Jul. 19, Price: €39 Adult, €32 Youth 6-12, €22 Child 0-2.

Kayaking - July 21 - kayak the Anseremme-Dinant area. Price: €35 single person kayak, €29 double person kayak per person.

Horseback Trail Ride, Chaleux, Belgium - July 28 - Depart SHAPE: 8:30 a.m. Return SHAPE: 6 p.m. Price: €42.

Horseback Ride, Cuesmes, Belgium - July 29 - Depart SHAPE: 8:30 a.m., Return SHAPE: 12:30 p.m.. Price: €25.

Hiking in Etretat, France - Sept. 22-23 - Along the Normandy coast, near the town of Etretat. Depart SHAPE: 8 a.m., Saturday. Return SHAPE: 8 p.m., Sunday. Price: €85 per person in double room.

Outdoor Recreation

Schinnen

Rental items for the day, weekend or week include: canopies, tents, coolers, sleeping bags and pads, tables and stoves, lanterns, backpacks, beer tables and benches, large U.S. and Dutch flags and BBQs.

Chièvres/SHAPE

Chièvres Garrison Outdoor Recreation Rental Center located on SHAPE and offers a wide variety of outdoor recreation equipment needed for outdoor activities. Items available include ski equipment, mountain bikes, camping gear, heaters, tables, canopies, lawn sport equipment, large inflatable party entertainment items, grills, and cookers.

Veterans Affairs Briefing

Learn More About Your VA Benefits!



Know more about your education benefits, home loan guaranties, life insurance, vocational rehabilitation, disability compensation, VA health care, and other benefit programs



The VA is a 4 hour briefing and starts at 0800 in the Hotel Le Maisieres on: **Wednesday, 18 July**



USAG BENELUX
Army Community Service
Open to all US ID cardholders

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
CALL DSN 423-4904/5324
CALL CIV (065) 44-4904/5324





infant massage class

Certified instructors are excited to help you learn interactive communication with your baby through loving touch.

The benefits of Infant Massage:

- Relaxes and soothes to relieve stress for parent and baby
- Deepens bonding and enhances ability to nurture
- Improves communication and increases confidence
- Contributes to a healthy development of baby's body, mind and spirit
- Helps relieve gas and symptoms of colic in baby
- Helps baby to sleep better
- Classes are "ongoing" and no fees will be charged



The classes are open to all military and civilian families with children newborn through 12 months of age.

Please call USAG BENELUX/ACS New Parent Support Program DSN 423-4274/5324 or CIV (065)44.4274/5324 for further details and class dates or contact Women, Infants, and Children Overseas (WIC-O) DSN 423-5971 or CIV (065) 44.5971

SHAPE Health Facility, 2nd Floor, EDIS Playroom - Thursdays, 1100-1200



Benelux Business Policies impacting newcomers, vacationers

By Kim Wayland

Morale Welfare and Recreation

Now that summer is here, PCS and vacation seasons are in full swing in the Benelux.

Due to the increase in demand, space at both the Hotel le Maisières and the Chièvres Garrison Kennel becomes extremely limited.

To help offset any problems because of lack of knowledge of a policy, please take a few moments to review some of the current policies. If you still have questions, do not hesitate to give the hotel or kennel a call...the staff stands ready to serve.

Hotel le Maisières

For PCS moves, there is a USAG Benelux policy stating military members and civilians may reserve hotel rooms for a maximum of 60 days.

NOTE: Because the hotel accepts reservations all year round, if a current guest wants to extend past the 60 days, the room must be reserved (and receive approval from the commander) a minimum of two weeks before the scheduled departure date.

Be aware there is never a guarantee that extensions will be approved. Why? In addition to supporting PCS moves, the hotel operates as any other Army lodging facility and supports all other categories of authorized military guests.

TIP 1: Sponsors should make hotel reservations as far in advance as possible. Understand pet rooms are really limited, so pet reservations may be needed for the kennel and those reservations should be made at the same time as the hotel reservation.

TIP 2: Arriving guest or sponsor must call the hotel if there is any change in the arrival schedule. Missed reservations are canceled and released to fill other requests for lodging. This goes for Kennel reservations as well.

Kennel

The Kennel is open to all U.S and S.H.A.P.E ID card holders.

Pets are accepted by reservation on a first-come-first serve basis, with priority given to PCS personnel and those needing emergency leave.

To receive priority status, copies of your orders are required.

Reservations may be made in person or by phone and may be made two months in advance. Plan early - this means the present month plus two.

Clients are requested to confirm their reservations not less than five working days prior to their drop-off date.

TIP 1: Missed reservations are canceled and released to others.

TIP 2: SHOTS: Dogs must have had rabies (annual), Distemper, Parvo, and Bordetella (every 6 months). Cats must have rabies (annual), Feline Leukemia and Feline Distemper. Remember to bring a copy of the shot records because animals will not be accepted without it.

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"We've been selected by Armed Forces Entertainment to headline three shows for our men and women wearing the uniform of the best country in the world! We are honored to be chosen and cannot, and I mean cannot, wait to bring the party to our troops Wild Bunch style!" Matt Poss and the Wild Bunch bring their part rock-a-billy, part blue grass with a bit of true-blue-tear-in-your-beer music to you.

Get ready to get rowdy.

Friday, July 6
Daumerie Caserne
Prime Time Bar & Grill
6:30 P.M. band opens



Education News

USAG Benelux

Benelux Headstart

The Benelux Headstart class, a joint project by the USAG Benelux's Education Center and Army Community Service, combines French language instruction with information about Belgium, its history, geography, and political system. It also provides survival tips and practical information about living in Belgium.

The class is mandatory for U.S. service members. All others are welcome to attend on a space-available basis. There are two classes in July. The first is offered July 9-13, followed by another five-day class July 23-27. Both classes are held from 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m. Call DSN: 423-3466/5324; CIV: 065-44-3466/5324 to register.

The class starts with a Newcomer's briefing the first day, followed by French language instruction on days 2-4. On the final day of class, a presentation on Belgian life and culture is followed by a short class on taking a bus in Belgium. A field trip to a Belgian restaurant ends the class.

Program offers tuition assistance

Army spouses: The Overseas Spouse Education Assistance Program (OSEAP) is a need-based education assistance program designed to provide Army spouses, residing with active duty Soldiers in Europe, with financial assistance in pursuing educational goals. Financial assistance is awarded up to \$500 per academic term. The academic year consists of five terms. The total of all assistance awarded is counted toward the maximum, \$2500, for the academic year.

Application deadline July 16

Air Force spouses: The purpose of the Spouse Tuition Assistance Program (STAP) is to provide partial tuition assistance for spouses of active duty Airmen or officers who accompany members to overseas locations and will be attending college programs. The program provides tuition assistance with a maximum of \$1,500 per academic year.

Application deadline July 25

For more information and application forms call 423-3466 or stop by the U.S. Army Garrison Benelux Education Center on SHAPE, Bldg. 212.

Education

Virtual education counseling here



PHOTO: Steven Hoover

Staff Sgt. Brian Adams, assigned to HHC, SHAPE Battalion, demonstrates how to operate the Virtual Counseling Workstation, speaking with Demetrice I. Williams, a contract counselor at the USAG Benelux Education Center. The workstation is located in the Multiuse Learning Facility, Room 129 in Bldg. 212 on SHAPE.

By Steven Hoover
Benelux Public Affairs Office

Over the years, making life less difficult for customers is one of the primary reasons many organizations have embraced automation.

In this regard, the Benelux Education Center, located in Bldg. 212 on SHAPE, recently began providing a Virtual Counseling Hub designed with the busy Soldier, along with other patrons, in mind.

According to Ela Karczewska, U.S. Army Garrison Benelux education services officer, the hub is "a high-tech solution that provides Education Center patrons with the personal contact they desire when discussing their education needs and goals."

Whenever someone visits the Education Center for counseling, if Karczewska or Demetrice "D" Williams, a contract counselor, are unavailable, the patron can go next door to the Multiuse Learning Facility in Room 129, get a password and be connected directly to another counselor Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., even during lunch.

"Right now, if neither of us is available and the Soldier doesn't have time to wait, our system is defaulted to contact a counselor in Stuttgart," Karczewska said. "Or, they can choose from one of the other Benelux offices or another hub."

With less than 30 counselors Europe-wide, the use of the Virtual Counseling workstations was considered the best option, Karczewska said. About 60 workstations, with access split evenly between counselors and patrons, are spread throughout Europe. In the Benelux, five machines (two each at SHAPE and USAG Schinnen and one at USAG Brussels) are available during normal duty hours.

At USAG Brussels, a machine is available Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., in Bldg. 1, third floor.

Two machines are available at USAG Schinnen from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Treebeek Education Center.

Besides the Benelux, there are six other hubs located in Ansbach, Grafenwoehr, Kaiserslautern, Stuttgart, Vincenza and Wiesbaden.

Because of automation and online access to a Soldier's record through GoArmyEd, a counselor at any of the other hubs should be able to provide assistance.

"The best thing about a system like this is it saves Soldiers time," said Staff Sgt. Brian Adams, assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, SHAPE Battalion, and a regular user of the Education Center. "The system provides a personal touch even if they aren't in the same area or country."

Honors



Meritorious Service Medal

Master Sgt. Michael Roth

Army Commendation Medal

Staff Sgt. Kenneth Kelly

Staff Sgt. Carlos Gonzales

NCO of the Year: Sgt. Jake Brice

Soldier of the Year: Spc. Christopher Cortez

Army Achievement Award

Staff Sgt. Johnny Hall

NCO of the Quarter: Sgt. Bryant Earley

Soldier of the Quarter: Spc. Dujuan Hunter

Commander's Award for Civilian Service

Gail Holt

Frank Kovalchek

James Kennedy

Achievement Medal for Civilian Service

Supervisor of the Quarter: Emily Nunn

Technician of the Quarter: Rueben Pain

Laborer of the Quarter: Krista Ortiz

Length of Service Award

35 Years

Lee Rosenbaum

25 Years

Wayne Bardell

Andre Thirkhill

Vivian Cornil

Brigitte Gabreau

Gordon Dawson

20 Years

Marie-Lise Baneton

Simon Lembourg

Francoise Caudron

Dominique Dupont

Daryl Claybrooks

MWR Trips & Tours

Day Trip to:

Alkmaar (Cheese Market) & Zaanse Schans

Friday, 13 July

\$32.50 per person

Round trip on luxury motorcoach transportation (non-smoking)
Assigned seating on first come & pay basis.

Register with full payment by 6 July at the Andre Bruls Fitness Center at USAG Schinnen.

For more info please call **DSN 360-7561** or **CIV 046-443-7561**
SchinnenFC@benelux.army.mil

MWR Trips & Tours Presents

a Trip to

Summer CARNIVAL

Street parade

Come and experience the largest
Caribbean Summer Party
in Europe.

Sat 28 July in Rotterdam

\$35 per person

Depart from Schinnen at 1200 hrs.
Depart from Rotterdam at 2200 hrs.

Sign-up deadline is 23 July

For more info stop by the Andre Bruls Fitness Center
or call **DSN 360-7561 / CIV 046-443-7561**
SchinnenFC@benelux.army.mil

Chapel Services

SHAPE International Chapel

Sunday

9 a.m. Roman Catholic
11:30 a.m. Collective Protestant

Wednesday

12:20 p.m. English Mass (Klar)

Daumerie Chapel

Sunday

10:45 a.m. Collective Protestant

Brussels Chapel

Sunday

10:45 a.m. Collective Protestant
12:30 p.m. Protestant Gospel

JFC International Chapel (Brunssum)

Sunday

10:15 a.m. Collective Protestant
12 p.m. Roman Catholic

Religious Education

SHAPE Chapel

10:30 a.m. Catholic Religious Education
10 a.m. Protestant Sunday School

Daumerie Caserne

9:30 a.m. Protestant Sunday School

Brussels Chapel

10 a.m. Catholic Religious Education

JFC International Chapel-Brunssum

9 a.m. Protestant Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Catholic Religious Education

Men of the Chapel

SHAPE Chapel

Tuesday Protestant
6:30 a.m. 423-6020/065446020

Daumerie Caserne

Wednesday Protestant
6:30 p.m. 361-5575/068275575

Brussels Chapel

1st Sat. of the month Protestant
9 p.m. 368-9677

Women of the Chapel

SHAPE Chapel

Thursday Protestant
9:30 a.m. 423-6020/065446020
Catholic
9:30 a.m. **3rd Wed. each month**
6:30 p.m. **1st Wed. each month**
423-6019/065446019

Daumerie Caserne

Wednesday Protestant
6:30 p.m. 361-5575/068275575

Brussels Chapel

Thursday Protestant
8 a.m. 368-9677

JFC International Chapel -Brunssum

Wednesday Protestant
9:30 a.m. 364-2940

Classified Ads

Autos for Sale

2001 Honda Civic EX - U.S. specs. - Excellent condition, great mileage, 5-speed manual, 4-door, moon roof, CD player, all-season and winter tires. Approx. 79,000 miles. Asking \$8,000 (Blue Book value \$8145-\$8790. Call after 7 p.m.: 067/84.40.25. For sale only to SHAPE ID card holders.

2004 Toyota Corolla, 2.0 liter diesel/5-speed, 36,000km, always garaged, air conditioning, European specs. Two years remaining on Toyota factory engine/drive train warranty. Excellent inside and out. Perfect Control Technique. Call 0473-97-0544 for info.

2003 Ford Windstar SE, 3.8 liter/6-cylinder engine, automatic transmission, 76,000 miles, tan exterior with tan cloth interior, four

bucket seats and a rear bench seat, DVD player, minor exterior damage, keyless entry, great working condition. Asking \$10,000 or best offer. Call (32) 0477638110.

2005 Mini Cooper, red with black stripes, 12,000 miles, still under warranty, U.S. specs, sport rims, winter tires, excellent condition. \$20,200. Call 0049-2451-63-2029.

Miscellaneous/Household

Baldwin spinet piano with padded bench. Dark pine, Early American style in fair condition, \$550. Gas lawn mower, \$50; oak veneer kitchen cart/cabinet on wheels with large storage capacity and towel holders, \$20; two wall-mount bathroom cabinets, \$15 each. All items U-haul. Call after 7 p.m.: 067/84.40.25.

Classified ads:

FREE!!!

Category: ☐ Autos for Sale ☐ Job Opportunities
(Please check ☐ Household Goods ☐ Miscellaneous
appropriate box) ☐ Volunteers Needed ☐ Sports Equipment

NAME: _____

SPONSOR'S NAME: _____

SPONSOR'S UNIT: _____

TELEPHONE NUMBER: _____

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF ITEM(S): _____

SUBMIT VIA FAX TO **USAG BENELUX PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

DSN: 361-5106 OR CIV: (0032) 068-27-5106

DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING CLASSIFIED ADS IS THE 10TH OF EACH MONTH

Please limit submissions to 5 items.

NOTE: Classified Ads are provided free of charge for everyone across the USAG Benelux community. Those requesting a classified ad be published in the Benelux EDGE agree all items shall be made available for purchase, use or patronage without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, marital status, physical handicap, political affiliation or any other non-merit factor of the purchaser, user or patron.



Do You Enjoy Working With Children?



Child and Youth Services at JFC Brunssum has 5 Flex/Part time Program Assistant positions currently open.

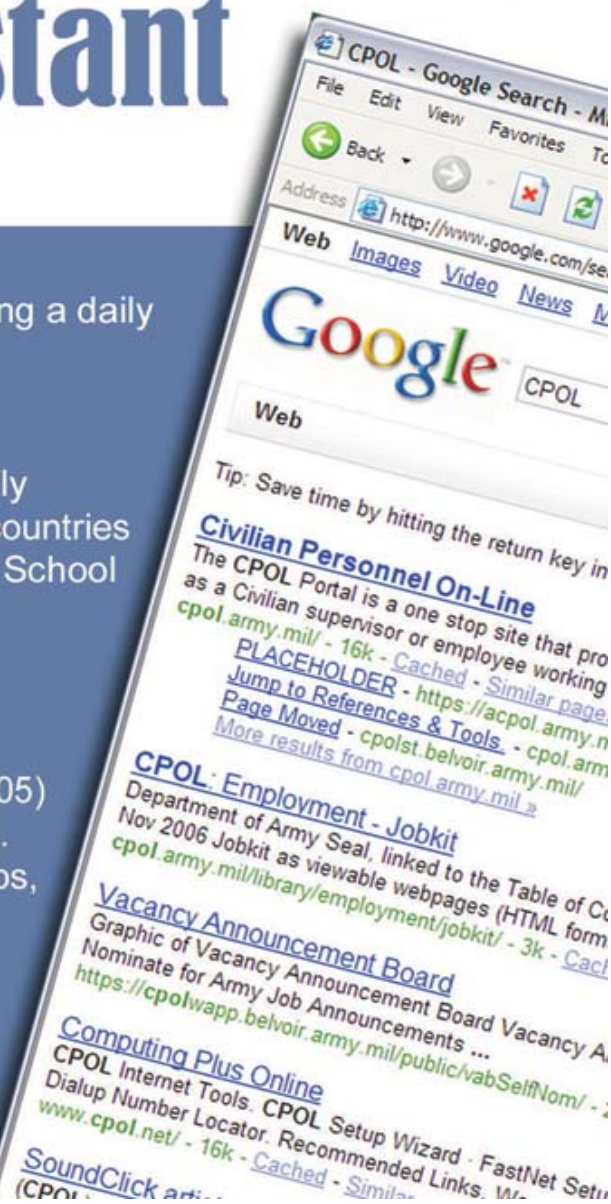


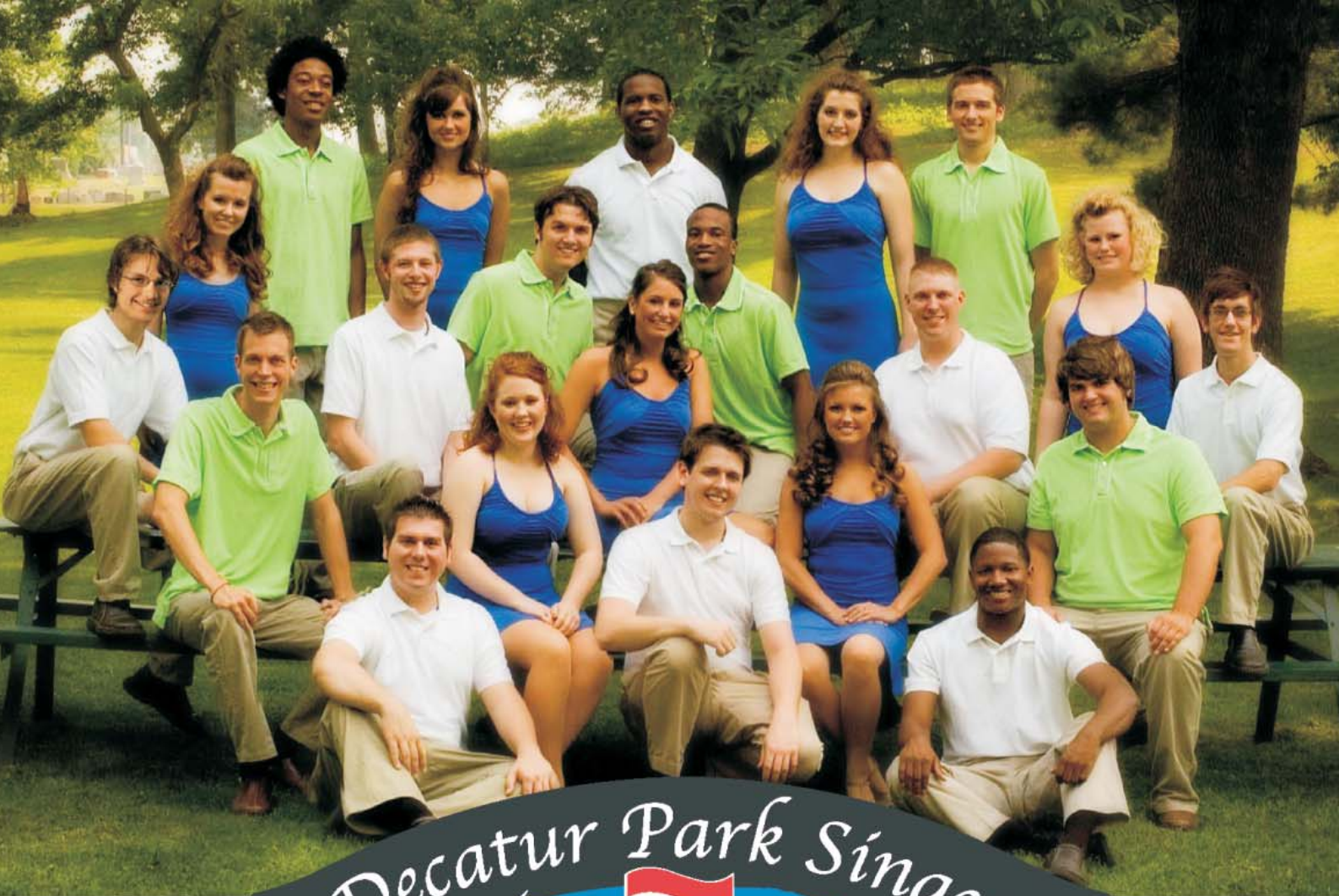
Program Assistants supervise children/youth during a daily schedule of indoor and outdoor activities.
Salary: \$10 - \$13/hour

Positions are open to U.S. Citizens and their family members. Family members must be from NATO countries other than the Netherlands. Qualifications: High School or equivalent education; minimum age 18; English (written/verbal)

For a NAF job application form stop by the Child Development Center or Central Enrollment, (bldg. 505) on JFC Brunssum or apply on-line through CPOL. To find the jobs, Google CPOL, click on search jobs, select Netherlands and find Program Assistant positions.

For further information please call
DSN 364-3121 or 31 (0) 45-526-3121.





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